



# State Transportation Board Meeting

October 21, 2021



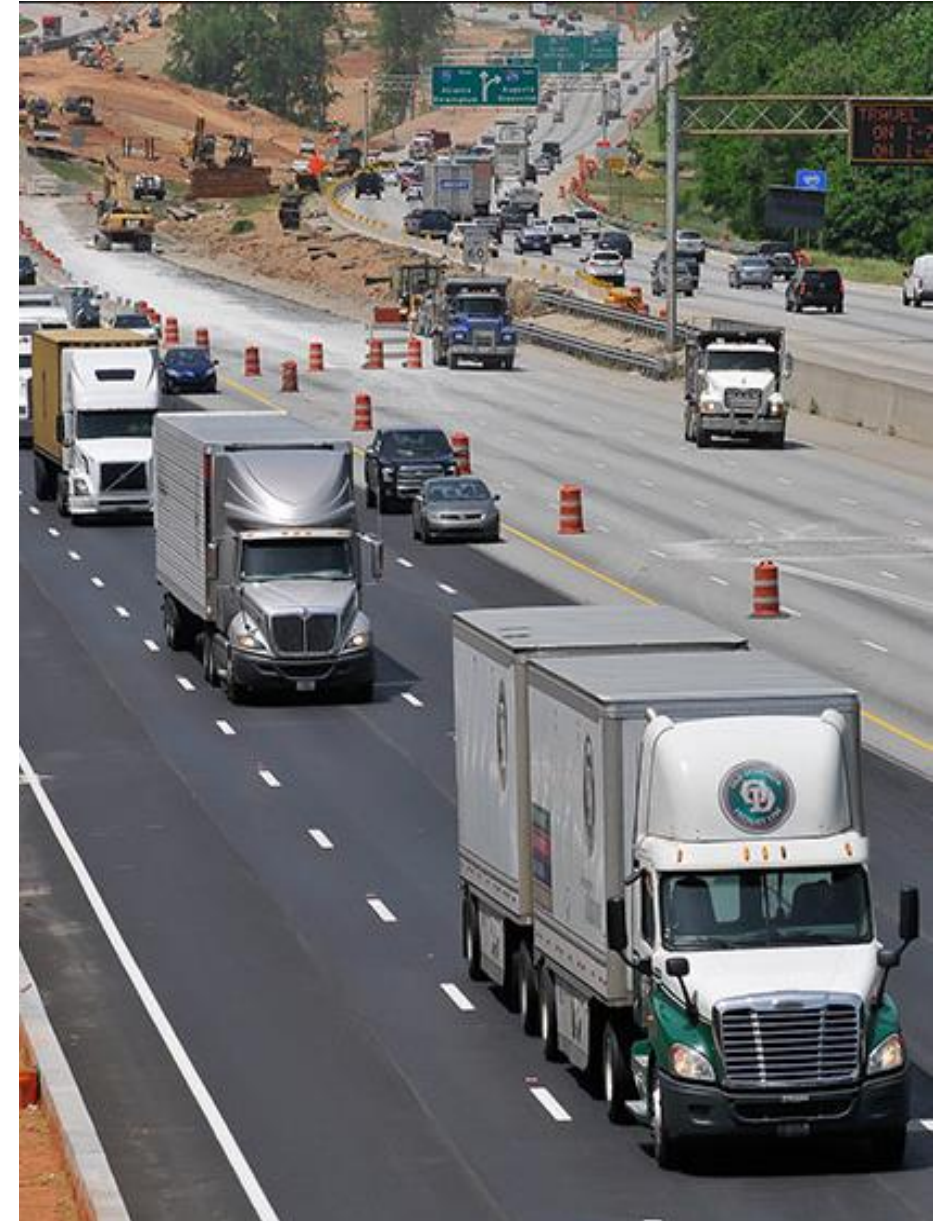
- ☐ Roll Call
- ☐ Invocation
- ☐ Pledge of Allegiance
- ☐ Welcome Remarks
- ☐ Approval of Minutes



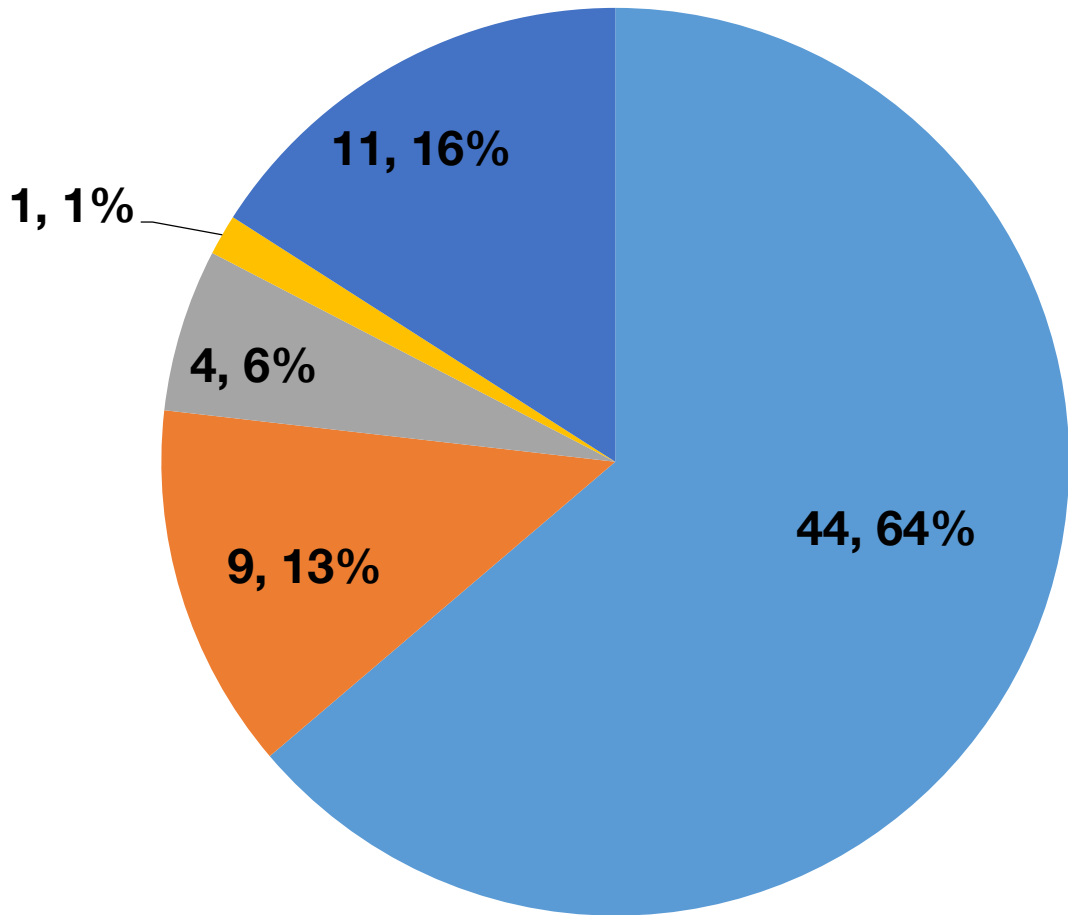


# November 2021 Letting Report

**Albert V. Shelby, III**  
**Director of Program Delivery**  
**October 21, 2021**



## Fiscal Year 2022 Letting Report Number of Projects Let in FY 2021 (Contractor Low Bid Award Data)



**Total = 69**

### GDOT & Local Lets

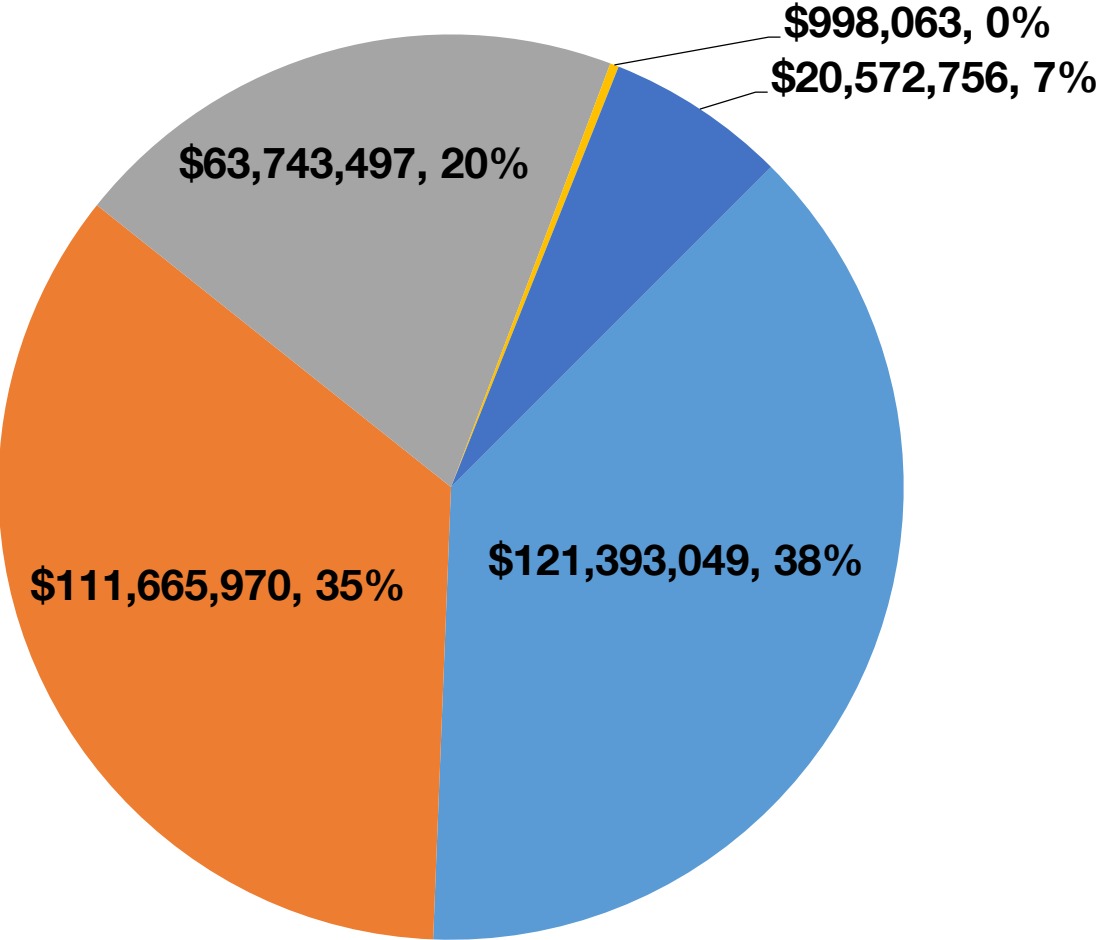
- Maintenance
- Bridges
- Roads
- Enhancements
- Safety

*As of October 4, 2021  
Source Bidding Administration*

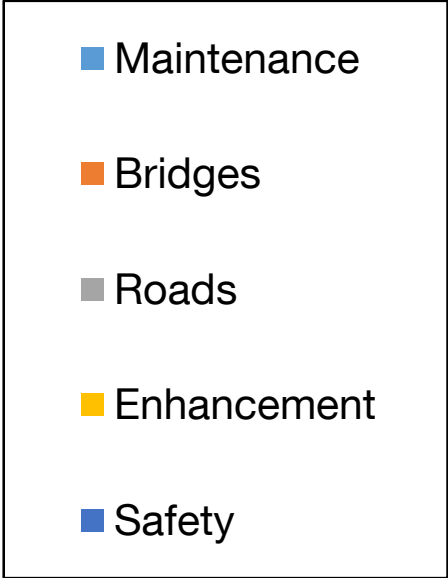


# Fiscal Year 2022 Letting Report

## Dollar Amount of Projects Let in FY 2021 (Contractor Low Bid Award Data)



### GDOT & Local Lets



**Total = \$318,373,334**

As of October 4, 2021  
Source Bidding Administration

# September 2021 Letting Results

Summary	Presented to GDOT Board (Includes Adjustments)	Low Bid (Awarded to Contractor)	Low Bid w/Adjustments (Total Project Obligation)
GDOT Let (Project Count)	22	21	21
GDOT Let (Dollars)	\$127,991,004	\$132,592,933	\$133,568,391
<b>Local Let</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>

\*Low Bid Award Amount includes the Deferred and Awarded projects.  
Does not include Engineering and Inspection, Utilities, Liquid AC, Incentives, LMIG and Rejected projects.

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Source Bidding Administration

# **GDOT and Local Let Projects**

**November 2021 Letting**

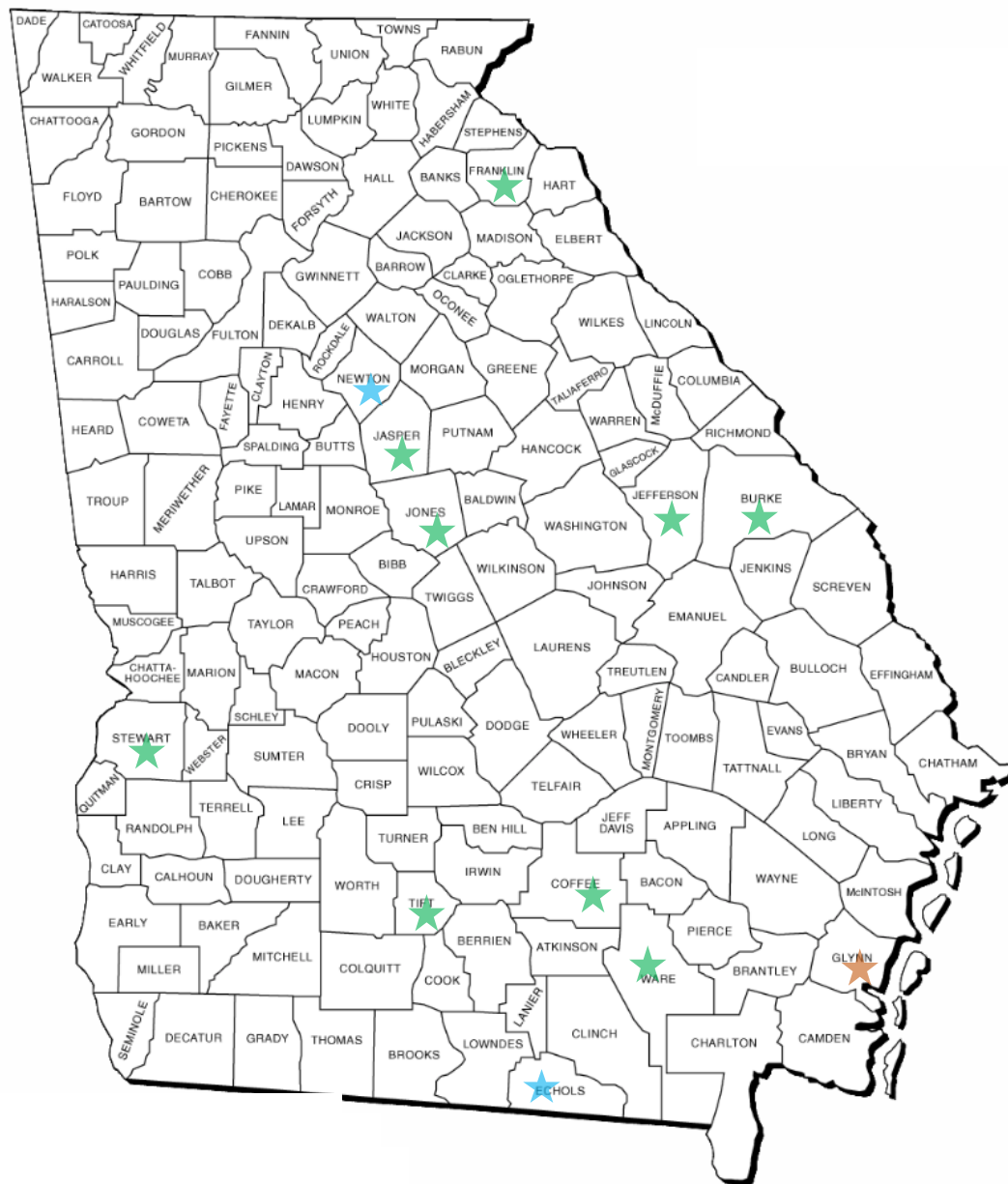
## GDOT and Local Let Projects November 2021 Letting

Project ID	Description	Primary County	Primary Work Type	Congressional District	Project Let By	Project Sponsor
0014073	SR 376 @ ALAPAHOOCHEE RIVER 4 MI W OF STATENVILLE	Echols	Bridges	001	DOT	GDOT
0016985	SR 25 FM CR 372/YACHT RD TO CR 415/HARRY DRIGGERS BLVD-PH I	Glynn	Widening	001	DOT	GDOT
M005351	SR 4 & SR 520 FROM ATKINSON COUNTY LINE TO W OF ANITA STREET	Ware	Resurface & Maintenance	001	DOT	GDOT
M005264	SR 1 CONN FROM SR 27 TO SR 1	Stewart	Resurface & Maintenance	002	DOT	GDOT
0015096	CR 511/BROWN BRIDGE RD @ YELLOW RIVER	Newton	Bridges	004	LOC	Newton County
M006154	SR 49 @ 1 LOC; SR 83 @ 2 LOC & SR 212 @ 1 LOC - BRIDGE REHAB	Jasper	Bridges	004, 010	DOT	GDOT
M006188	SR 18 FROM MONROE COUNTY LINE TO SR 11/SR 22	Jones	Resurface & Maintenance	008	DOT	GDOT
M006189	SR 18 FROM CLINTON STREET TO WILKINSON COUNTY LINE	Jones	Resurface & Maintenance	008	DOT	GDOT
M006190	SR 520/US 82 FM WORTH COUNTY LINE TO CR 411/SALEM CHURCH RD	Tift	Resurface & Maintenance	008	DOT	GDOT
M006127	SR 17 FM N OF CS 868/SILO LN TO N OF CR 108/CLARKS CREEK RD	Franklin	Resurface & Maintenance	009	DOT	GDOT

## GDOT and Local Let Projects November 2021 Letting

Project ID	Description	Primary County	Primary Work Type	Congressional District	Project Let By	Project Sponsor
M005151	SR 24 FROM SR 4BU TO WASHINGTON COUNTY LINE	Jefferson	Resurface & Maintenance	010	DOT	GDOT
M006231	SR 206 FROM SR 32 TO SR 135	Coffee	Resurface & Maintenance	012	DOT	GDOT
M006238	SR 121 & SR 121 BYPASS FROM PEACHTREE ST TO RICHMOND CO LINE	Burke	Resurface & Maintenance	012	DOT	GDOT

# November 2021 Projects Throughout Georgia



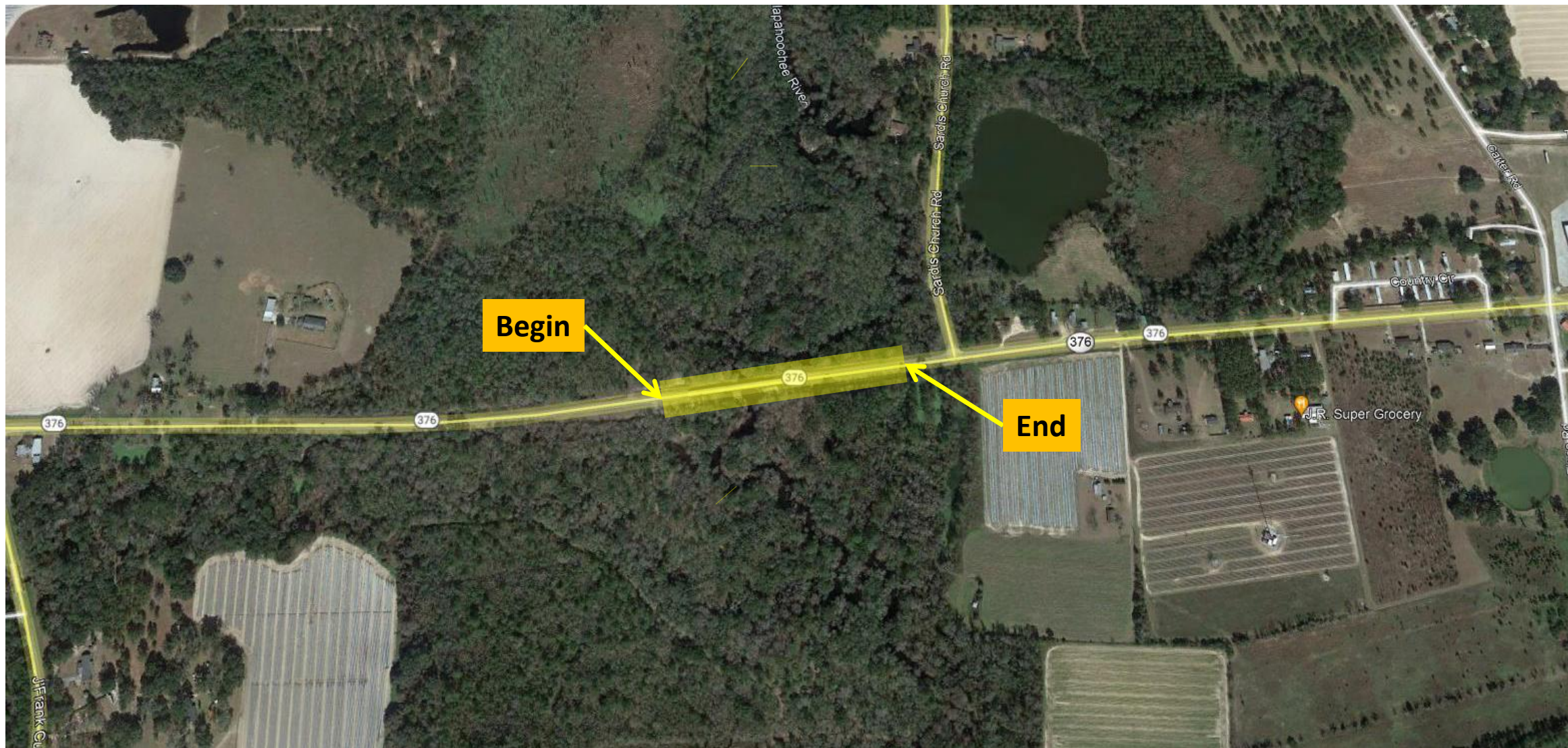
- ★ Bridges
- ★ Roads
- ★ Enhancements
- ★ Maintenance
- ★ Safety



# SR 376 @ ALAPAHOOCHEE RIVER 4 MI W OF STATENVILLE

## Bridge Replacement Project in Echols County

### Congressional District 1





# **SR 376 @ ALAPAHOOCHEE RIVER 4 MI W OF STATENVILLE**

## **Bridge Replacement Project in Echols County**

### **Congressional District 1 (Continued)**

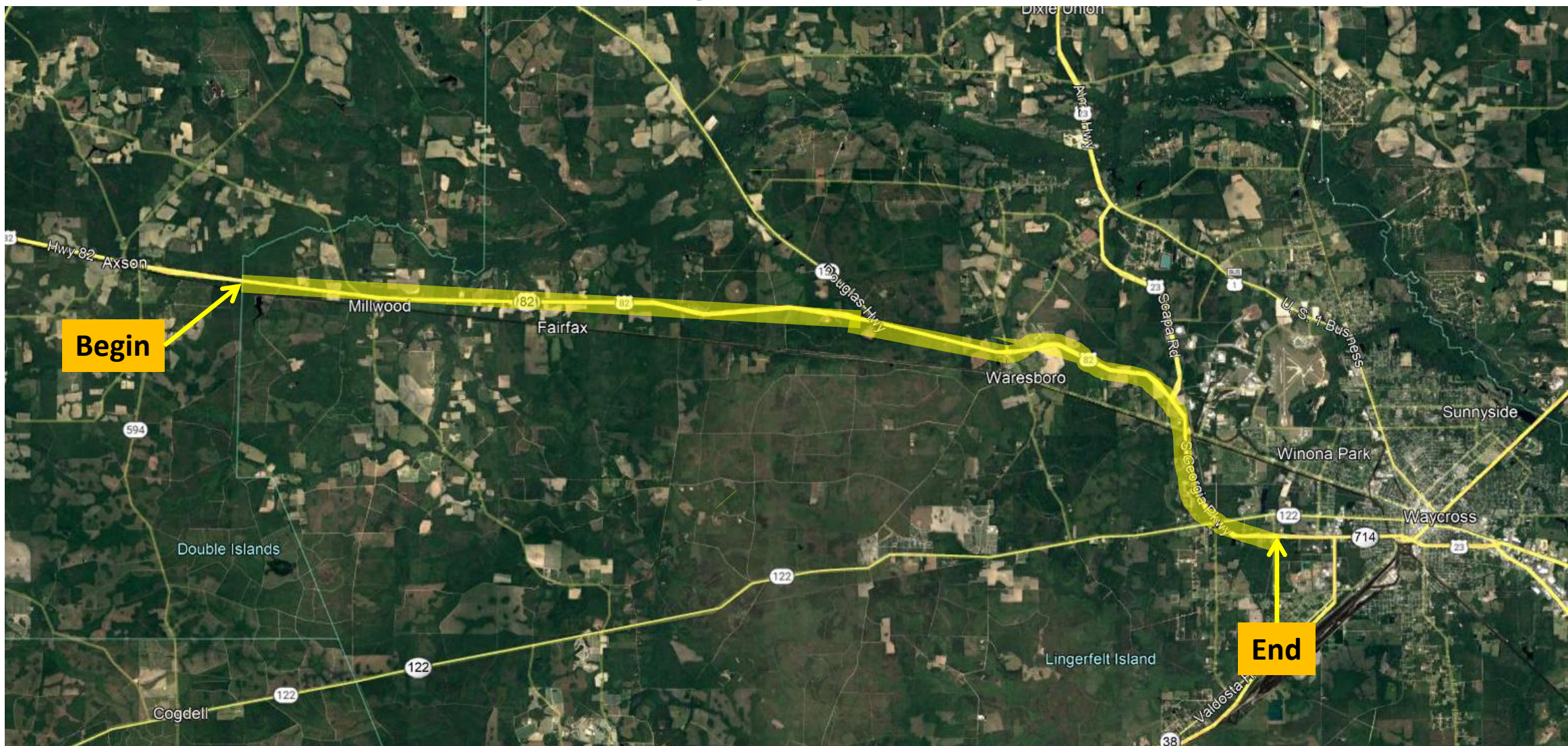




# SR 4 & SR 520 FROM ATKINSON COUNTY LINE TO W OF ANITA STREET

## Resurfacing Project in Ware County

### Congressional District 1





# SR 520/US 82 FM WORTH COUNTY LINE TO CR 411/SALEM CHURCH RD

## Resurfacing Project in Tift County

### Congressional District 8

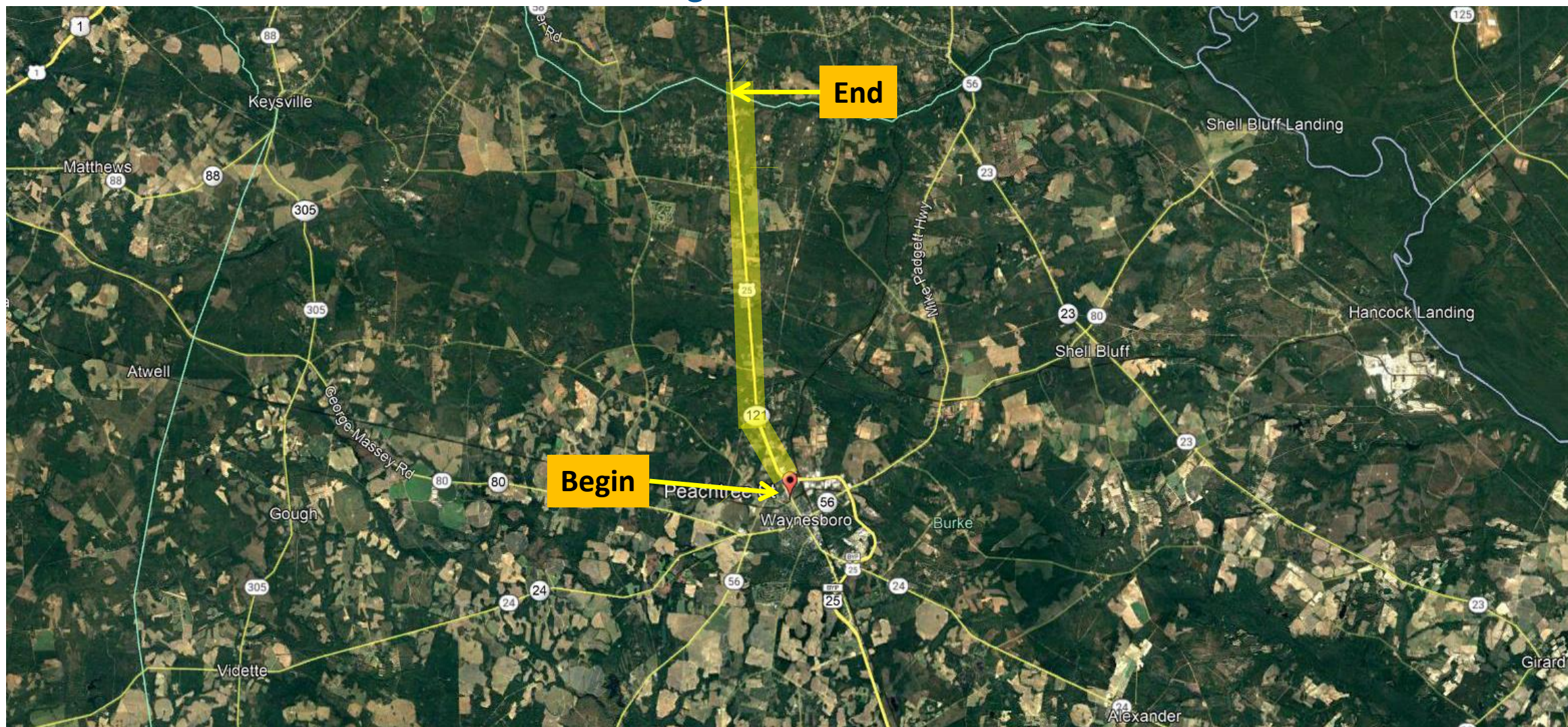




# SR 121 & SR 121 BYPASS FROM PEACHTREE ST TO RICHMOND CO LINE

## Resurfacing Project in Burke County

### Congressional District 12





# **Additional Projects to be Advertised in November 2021 with a Future Let Date**

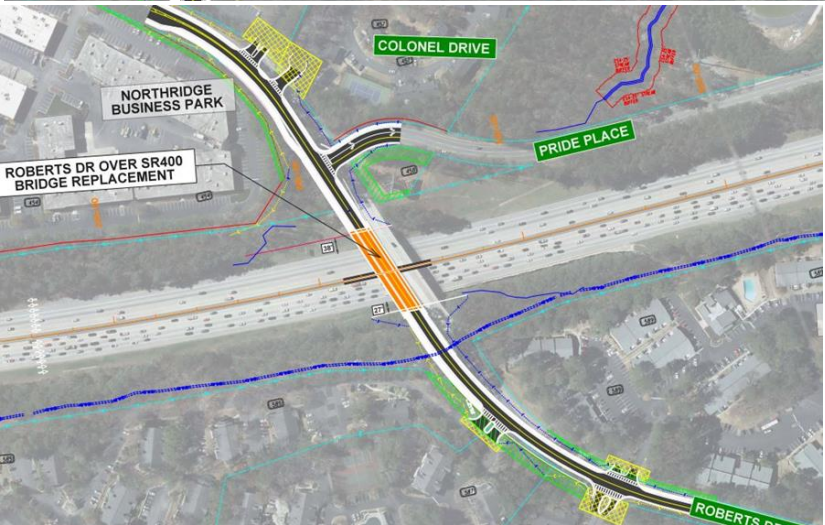
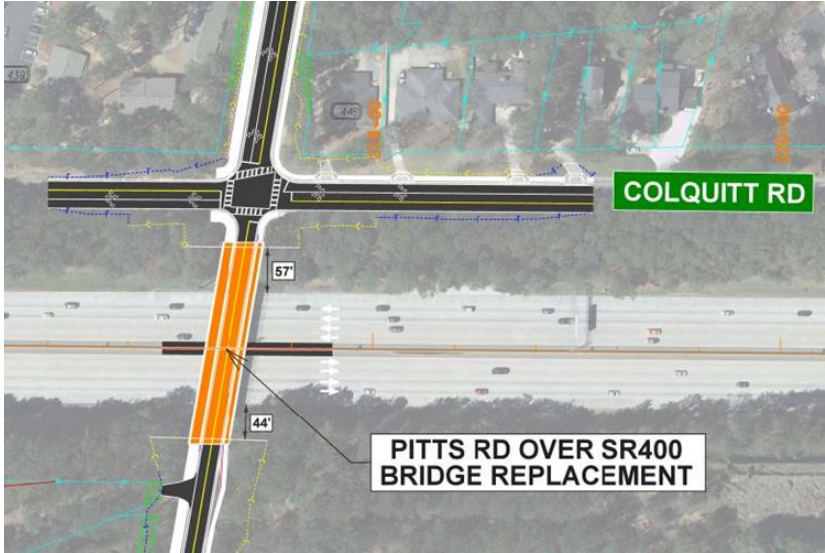
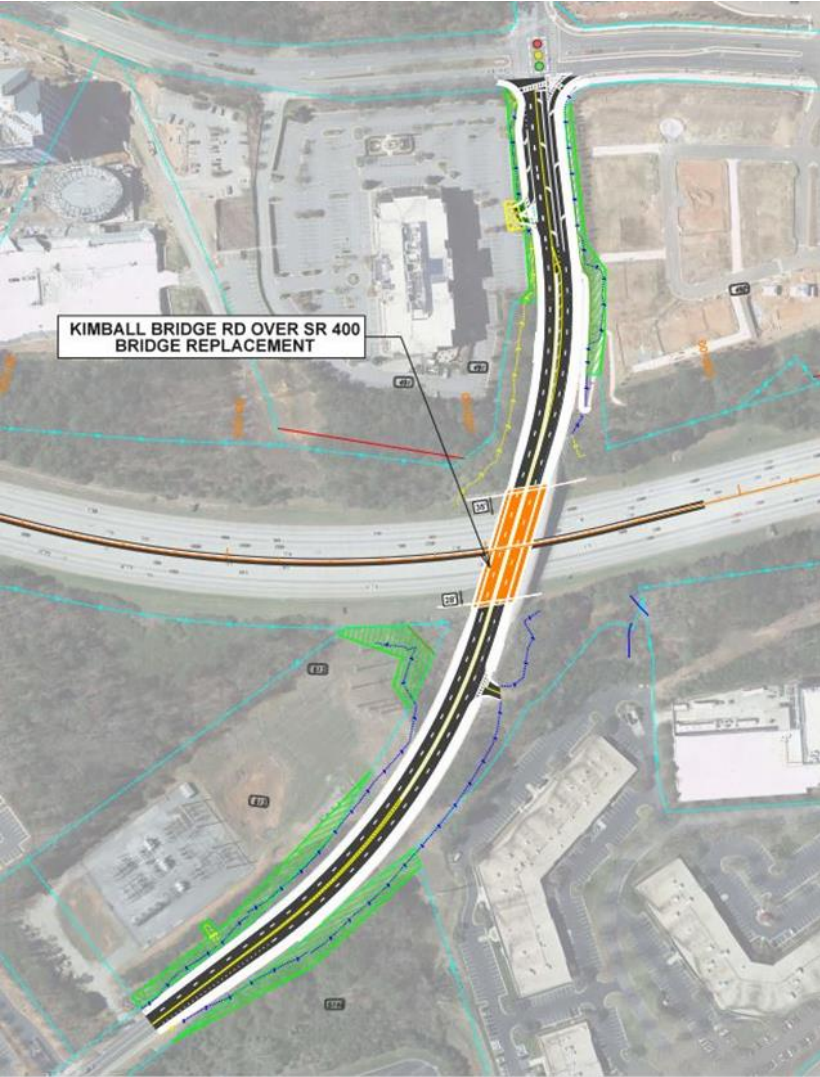
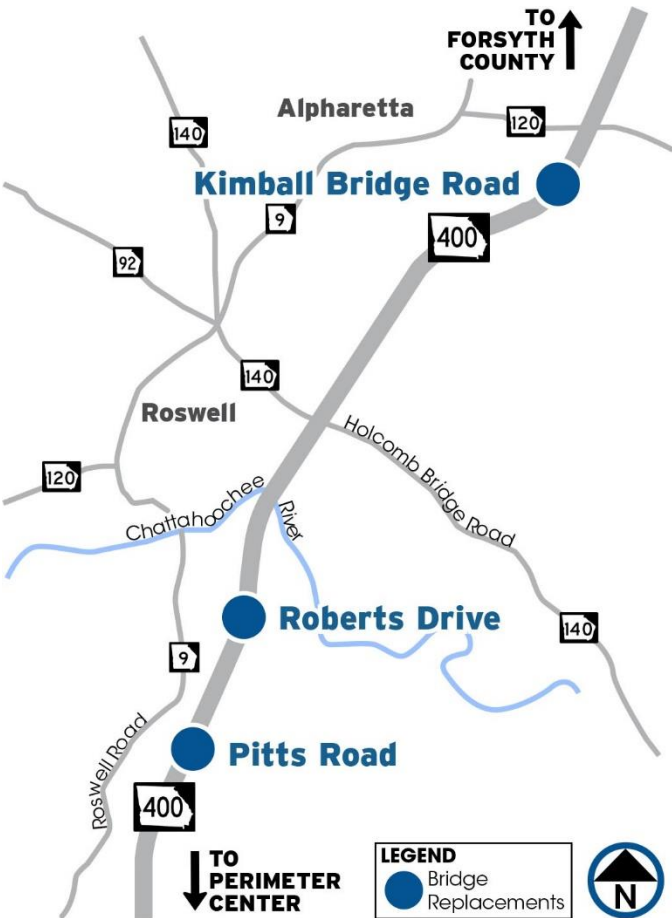


# GDOT Project

## Advertised only (not let) in November 2021

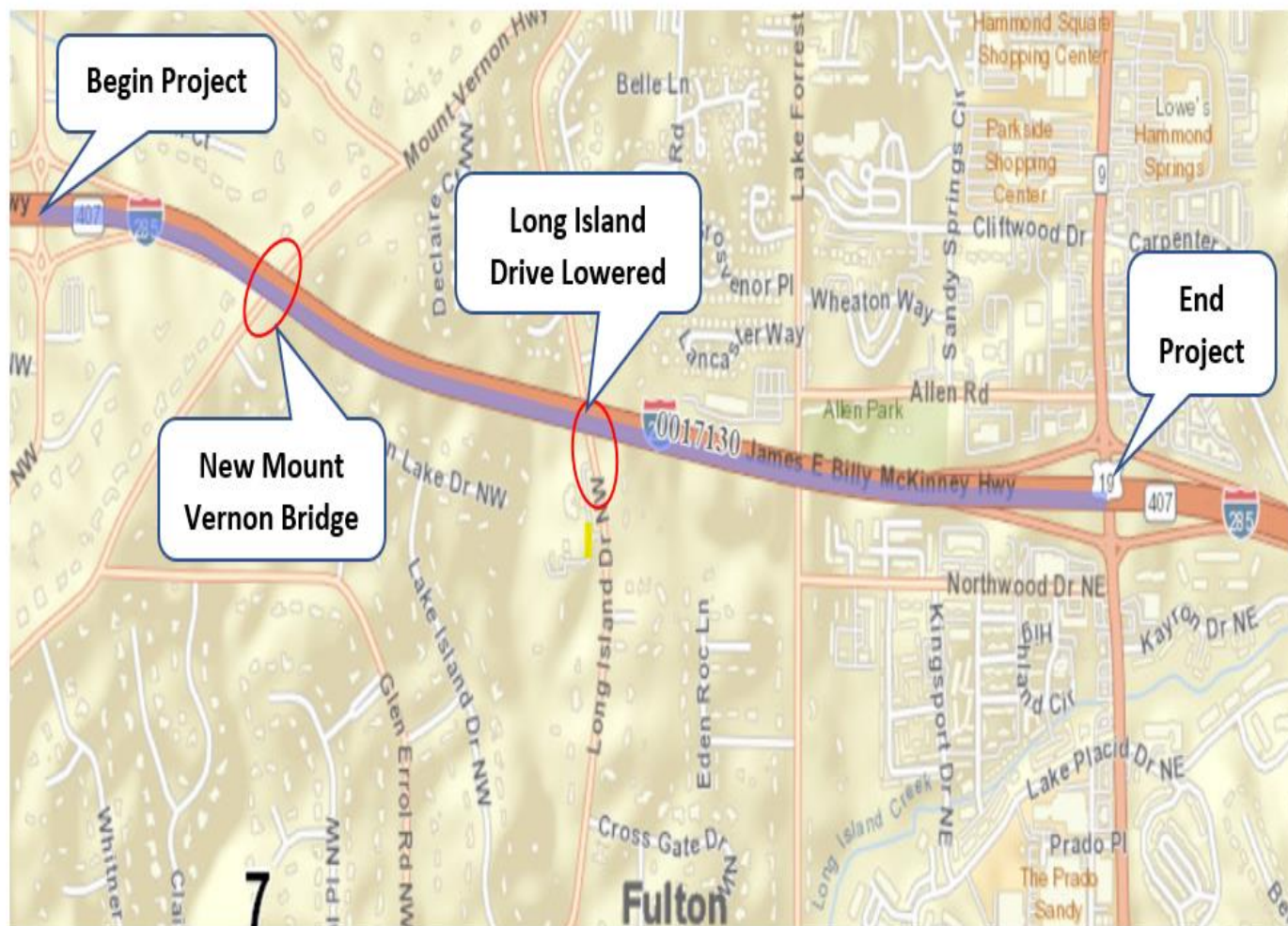
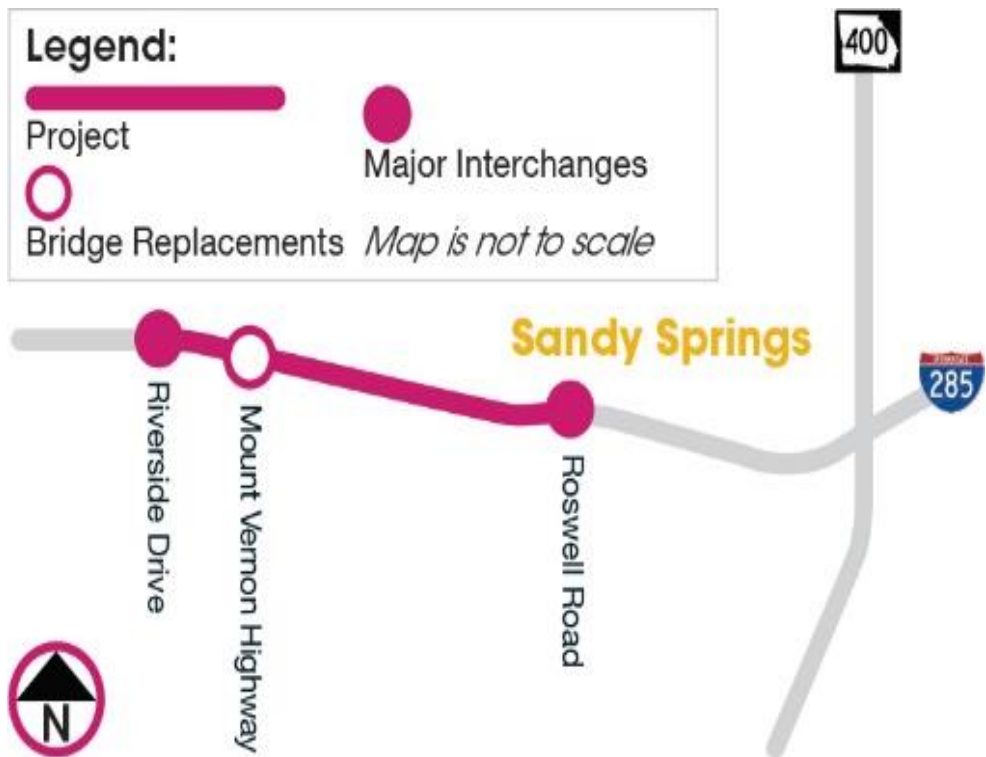
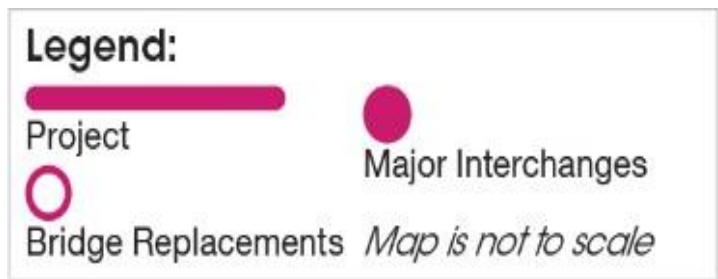
Project ID	Description	Primary County	Primary Work Type	Congressional District	Project Let By	Project Sponsor	Future Let Date
0001757	SR 400 FM N SPRINGS MARTA STATION TO MCFARLAND RD-EXPRESS LN	Fulton	Managed Lanes	006, 007	DOT	GDOT	April 2022
0017130	I-285 WB AUX LANE EXT FM SR 9 TO RIVERSIDE DR; INC MT VERNON	Fulton	Auxiliary Lanes	006, 011	DOT	GDOT	May 2022

# SR400 Phase 1 Design-Build Project (PI#0001757)



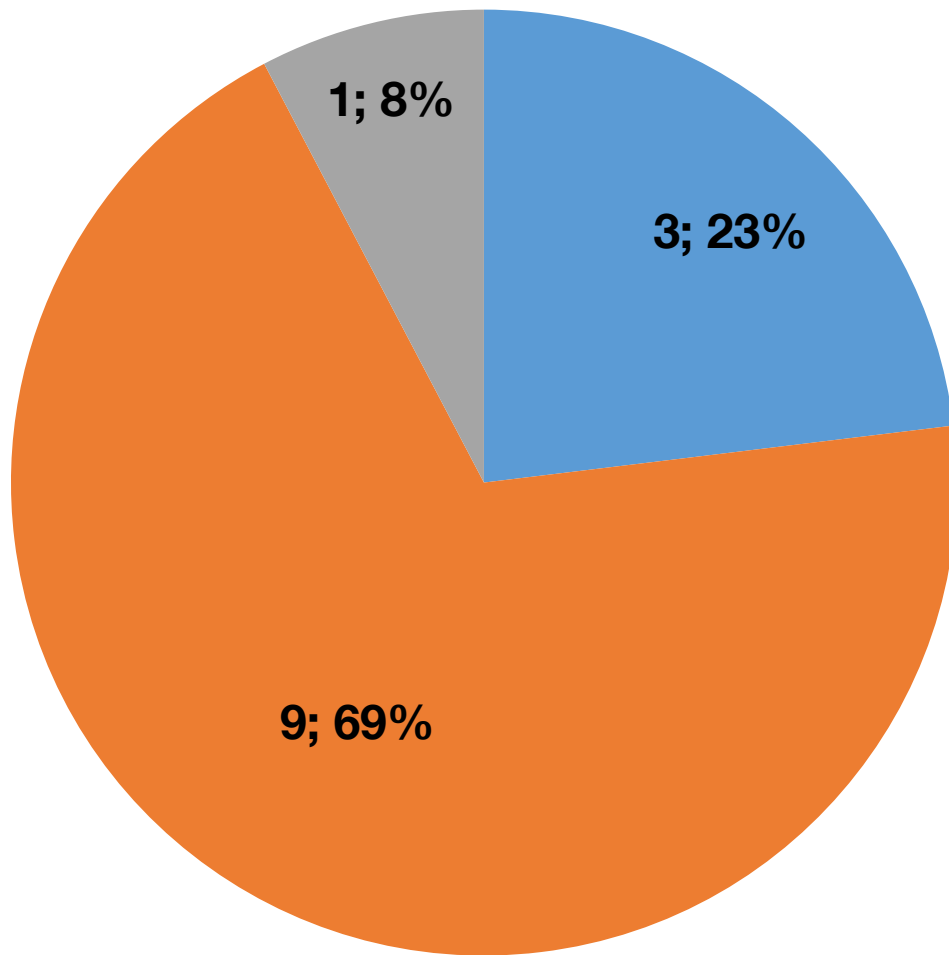


# I-285 Westbound Auxiliary Lane Extension Design-Build Project (PI # 0017130)



# Fiscal Year 2022 Letting Report

Number of Projects  
November 2021 Letting



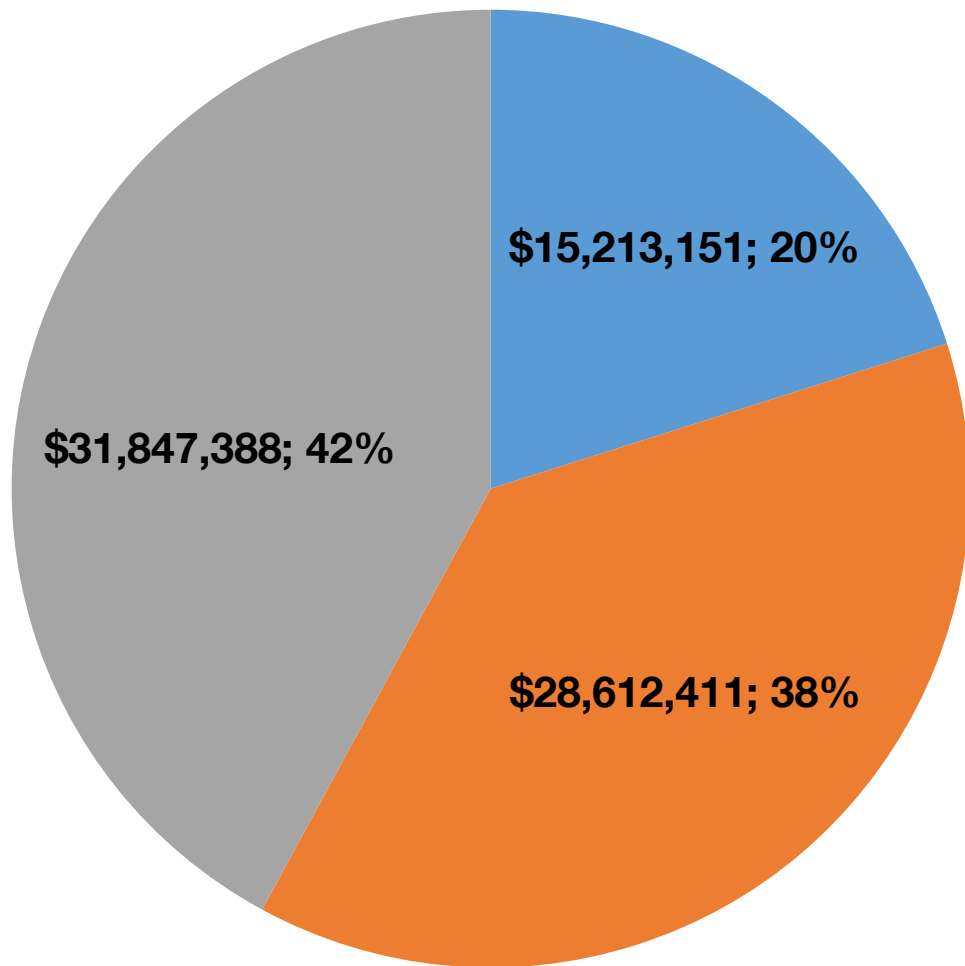
**GDOT & Local Lets**

- Bridges
- Maintenance
- Roads

**Total = 13**

# Fiscal Year 2022 Letting Report

Dollar Amount of Projects  
November 2021 Letting



**GDOT & Local Lets**

- Bridges
- Maintenance
- Roads

**Total = \$75,672,949**

# **For Board Action**

## **Approval of Revisions to the Construction Work Program**

**Matt Markham**

**Deputy Director of Planning**

**October 21, 2021**



# November 2021 CWP Board Revision For Board Review

Project ID	Description	Primary County	Primary Work Type	Congressional District	Action
0018298	SR 3/US 41 @ SR 8	Intersection Improvement	Fulton	005	Addition to the Program
0018301	SR 3/US 19 FM CS 3498/MARIETTA STREET TO CS 3352/8TH STREET	Realignment	Fulton	005	Addition to the Program
0018302	SR 3/US 19 FROM GREENSFERRY AVE TO JOSEPH E BOONE BLVD	Median Work	Fulton	005	Addition to the Program
0018303	SR 3/US 19 FROM WHITEHALL STREET TO GREENSFERRY AVE	Median Work	Fulton	005	Addition to the Program
0018304	SR 3/US 19 @ CS 2368/GREENSFERRY AVE/MCDANIEL STREET	Intersection Improvement	Fulton	005	Addition to the Program
0018305	SR 3/US 19 FROM I-75 SB RAMP TO S OF CS 137/HOLMES STREET	Roadway Project	Fulton	005	Addition to the Program
0018297	SR 120 FROM CR 5529/BOLES FARM LANE TO CR 709/PINE STREET	Drainage Improvements	Gwinnett	007	Addition to the Program

# November 2021 CWP Board Revision For Board Action

Project ID	Description	Primary County	Primary Work Type	Congressional District	Action
0018257	SR 4 BU/US 1BU @ KETTLE CREEK	Ware	Bridge Replacement	001	Addition to the Program



# **Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Certain Open-to-the-Public Airports**

**(Board Rule 672-9)**

**Carol L. Comer**  
**Director, Division of Intermodal**  
**October 21, 2021**

# Airport Licensing Rules and Regulation Background

- **O.C.G.A. Section 32-9-8, Licensing Airports**
  - **FY21 Legislative amendments effective July 1, 2021**
- Must amend Georgia Administrative Code Chapter 672-9
  - Rules and Regulations for Licensing Certain Open-To-The-Public Airports
- Applies to 97 Open-To-The Public General Aviation Airports
  - 95 publicly-owned public use airports
  - 2 privately-owned public use airports
- Does Not Apply to Commercial Service Airports

## Official Code of Georgia §32-9-8 Licensing Airports

- **Originally enacted in 1979**
  - Unlawful to operate an airport without a valid license
  - Civil penalty for operating without a license \$100.
- **Updated in 2021**
  - Unlawful to operate an airport without a valid license
  - Department may issue cease & desist order for operating without a license
  - Violations of order subject to civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000/day

# Rules and Regulation Proposed Changes:

## **672-9-.01 Definitions.**

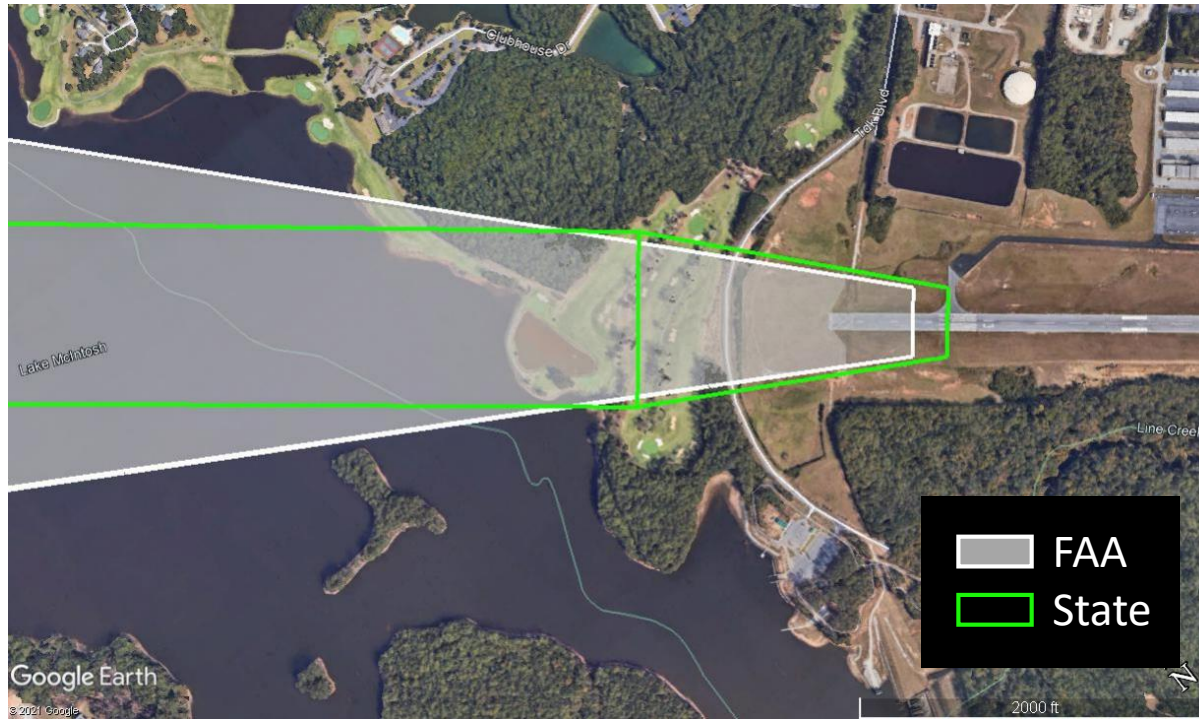
- Correct reference to “Airport License” by removing “permit” reference
- Add new & clarify definitions for - “Person” & “Runway Object Free Area, Obstruction, and Runway Primary Surface”

## **672-9-.03 Airports: Licensing Minimum Standards.**

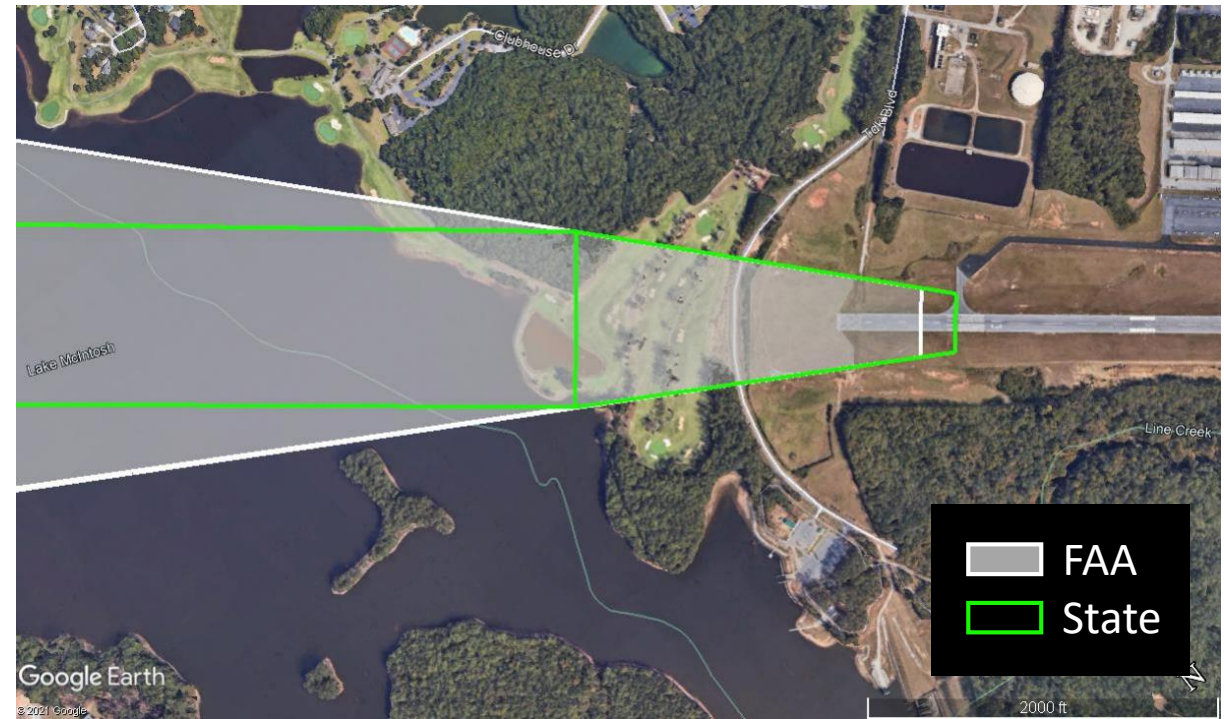
- Modify State Obstruction Free Approach Surfaces to not exceed Federal Standards



# Obstruction Free Approach Surface Modification



**Existing**



**Proposed**

# Rules and Regulation Proposed Changes:

## 672-9-.03 Airports: Licensing Minimum Standards

- Clarify grounding cables must be present and functional as a fueling area requirement, and
- Add to Rule language in original law - licensure will not be denied to Airport owners and operators that did not meet Geometric Layout and separation requirements in 1979.

# Rule and Regulation Changes:

## **672-9-.04 Airport License Issuance/Renewal/Revocation**

- Authorizes the Department to issue a cease and desist order to a person operating an unlicensed Airport
- Provides for assessment of civil penalties against a person for failing to cease and desist operating an unlicensed Airport

## **672-9-.05 Airport Licensing and Inspection Exemptions**

- Delete this section as unnecessary.
  - Air Carrier Airport exemptions included in the definition of “Airport”

## Public & Industry Engagement

- Proposed Changes to the Rules and Regulations sent to:
  - Owners and Managers of 97 affected airports
  - Georgia Airports' Association
  - ACEC – Aviation Subcommittee
- Webinar October 27<sup>th</sup> presenting proposed changes
- GDOT external website posting for public comment

## Action Requested

- Request favorable consideration to open the rule making process and issue resolution to provide notice of its intent to amend the rules.
- Public comment period through November 22, 2021
- Board considers adoption of rules at December 9, 2021 meeting



**Questions?**



# **Amendments to Department Rule, Chapter 672-11 Installation, Relocation, and Management of Utilities on Public Rights-of-Way**

**Nicholas Fields**

**State Utilities Administrator**

**October 21, 2021**

## Background

- ✓ Rule became effective on September 13, 2021
- ✓ Amendment to Rule for Municipal Authorities was opened for comments September 17, 2021
- Board action to approve amendment for Municipal Authorities



## State Law

- O.C.G.A. § 46-5-1(b)(18) requires payment rates to a Municipal Authority by a telephone company where there are no retail end users within the boundary of the Municipal Authority be determined in accordance with the Department's Rules.



## What we're doing: Amendment for Municipal Authorities

- Amendment to include language that fees set forth in 672-11-.04(2) and other provisions in Rules will not become effective until July 1, 2022.
- Prior to July 1, 2022, the old rates for Municipalities will apply.

## Engagement/Comments: Amendment for Municipal Authorities

- Ongoing outreach and informal conversations with the industry
- Four entities responded to the request for comments
- Two were supportive, one concern of statutory authority and one concern of statutory authority and cost

## Action Requested

- Asking now for Board action to approve the amendment to Department Rules 672-11 for Municipal Authorities.

# I-85 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

Kathy Zahul, Assistant Director for Strategic Systems & Planning

October 21, 2021

## PEL FRAMEWORK

**Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)** is a Federal Highway Administration **initiative** and a **flexible approach** to transportation decision-making that:

1. Allows planning information to be used during environmental review
2. Requires collaboration and integration of processes
3. Considers project-level decisions during planning



**First PEL Study  
in Georgia**



**Time and Cost  
Savings**



**Enhanced Public Input**



**Process Efficiency**



**Better Use of  
Funds**



**Encourage  
Environmental  
Stewardship**



- **One of the busiest Interstates in Georgia**

Over **300,000** vehicles travel on I-85 in Gwinnett County everyday.

Only the Downtown Connector in Atlanta carries more traffic.

- **An important corridor for moving goods**

I-85 is on the **National Highway Freight Network**.

Between **11% and 16%** of traffic is freight.

**35%** of the freight traffic goes through the study corridor **without stopping**.

- **An important corridor for commuters**

During the AM and PM peak periods, existing travel times are the **least reliable**. During these times commuters need to plan an **extra 10 to 30 minutes** in order to make sure they arrive on time.

- **An important corridor for daily local trips**

Just over **30%** of traffic exits I-85 within two exits of where they entered.

## I-85 Corridor

### Study Area



# STAKEHOLDERS

## City/Municipalities



## County



## Regional



# CID



## Federal/National



## State



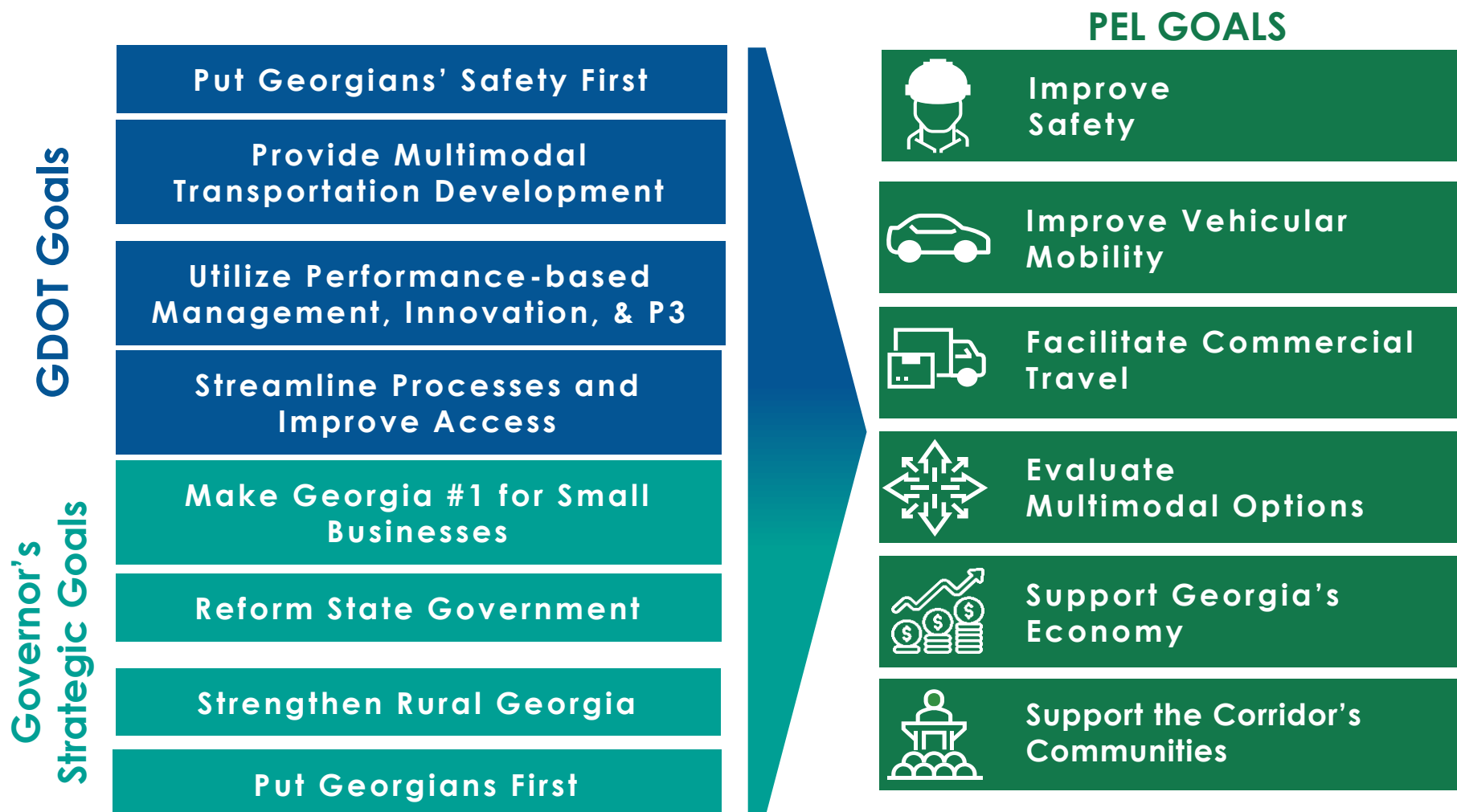
## Freight





## VISION

*I-85 will provide safe, reliable interstate travel for people and goods as part of a connected, efficient transportation network while creating value for surrounding communities.*



## PHASE 1 PUBLIC OUTREACH

Between Nov. 2019 and Feb. 2020:

- 64+ **in-person meeting** participants
- More than 875 people engaged through **community events**
- 2,551 **survey** respondents
- 1,433 addresses on **email** distribution lists
- **Billboard** on I-85 for three weeks
- **Postcard** distributions
- **Social media** campaign, **newsletter** articles, Mile Post and **blog** stories, stories in print and TV **media**



## STUDY ALTERNATIVES

are grouped into six categories. Making I-85 safe and reliable will require projects from all six categories. All are important in achieving the vision for I-85.

### Managed Lane System Improvements

- Corridor-wide managed lane systems
- Access improvements

### Freeway and Interchange Improvements

- General-purpose widening
  - Ramp & interchange improvements
- Lane reassignments

### Arterial Improvements

- Operational improvements
  - New connections
- Parallel route improvements



### Multimodal Options

- Bike & pedestrian upgrades
- Transit routes
- Transit stations & access improvements

### Policy Changes and Smart Infrastructure

- Strategies for active traffic management
- Incidence response improvements
- Policies

### Add-on Improvements

- Signage & marking upgrades
- Shoulder lane widths
- Bridge replacements

Achieving the study vision requires a **package of projects**, built over time, addressing a variety of purposes and needs.

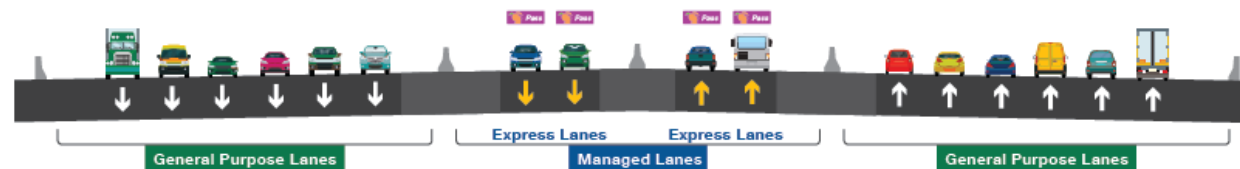
**No single project will get us there by itself.**

## Managed Lane Systems Alternatives Advancing to Tier 2

The following Managed Lane Systems alternatives are advancing to Tier 2 Screening.

### 101: Widen Existing Managed Lanes to 2 Lanes

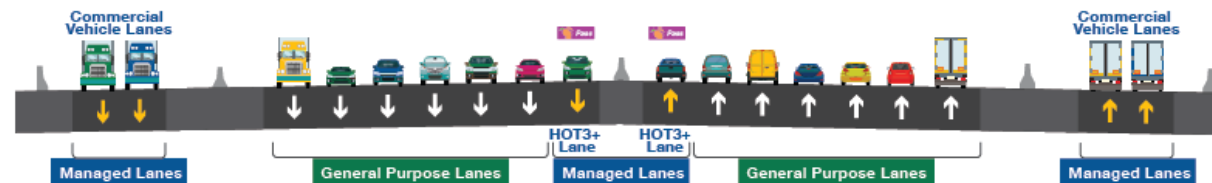
Add 1 Managed Lane in Each Direction and Convert the Existing HOT3+ Lanes to Express Lanes for a 2-Lane Bi-Directional System



*Note: Typical section images above are for illustrative purposes only. Final lane configurations are subject to change.*

### 108: Add 2-Lane Commercial Vehicle Lane System

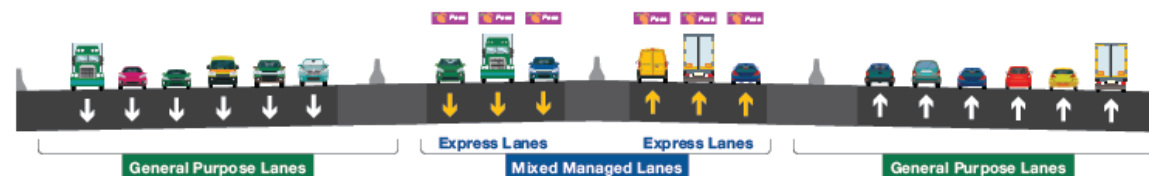
Add 2 Bi-Directional Commercial Vehicle Lanes and Retain the Existing HOT3+ Lanes



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### 109: Widen Existing Managed Lanes to 3 Lanes

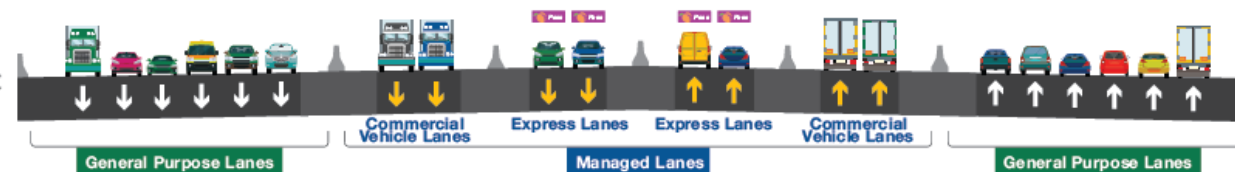
Add 2 Managed Lanes in Each Direction and Convert the Existing HOT3+ Lanes to Mixed Managed Lanes for a 3-Lane Bi-Directional System



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### 110: Widen Existing Managed Lanes to 4 Lanes

Add 3 Managed Lanes in Each Direction and Convert the Existing HOT3+ Lanes to Express Lanes for a 4-Lane Bi-Directional System with 2 Express Lanes & 2 Commercial Vehicle Lanes



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## Transit Information

Transit facilities for routes that are alternatives to I-85 can support I-85 operations by decreasing the number of single-occupant vehicles utilizing the freeway.

### High-Capacity Transit (HCT)

**Heavy Rail:** Transit that operates on rail and is completely separated from all other types of traffic, allowing them to move at higher speeds

**Light Rail:** Transit that operates on rail that runs next to or is mixed with vehicular traffic

**Bus Rapid Transit (BRT):** Rubber-tired vehicles, similar to rail-based transit services, that primarily operate in dedicated travel lanes; BRT combines many of the benefits of rail with the flexibility and cost-effectiveness of buses

**Arterial Rapid Transit (ART):** Transit vehicles that share some elements with BRT but operate in a mixture of dedicated lanes and regular travel lanes with vehicular traffic



Heavy Rail (WMATA) in Washington, D.C.



Light Rail (Atlanta Street Car) in Atlanta, GA



BRT (GRTC Pulse) in Richmond, VA



ART (Metro Rapid) in Los Angeles, CA

### Transit Stations

**Multimodal Hub:** Transit facility that provides major regional connections; these facilities can include parking, businesses/residences, and connections to major roadways

**Multimodal Station:** Transit facility that aids local transit connections; these facilities may include parking and connections to major and local roadways

**In-Line Station:** Transit station adjacent to freeway ramps, providing faster station access for transit vehicles; these facilities can include connections to park-and-ride facilities

**Flyover Ramp:** Freeway ramp that leads directly to a transit station, supporting transit reliability and complementing managed lanes

**Park-and-Ride:** Parking facility for riders to leave personal vehicles while riding transit



Multimodal Station (Knoxville Transit Center) in Knoxville, TN



In-line Station along I-35 in Minneapolis, MN



Flyover Ramp to North Springs Station in Sandy Springs, GA



Sugarloaf Mills Park-and-Ride in Lawrenceville, GA

## PHASE 2 PUBLIC OUTREACH & TRENDING TOPICS

- Virtual public meeting room was accessible to the public from August 9 to September 12, 2021
  - MetroQuest survey to gather public feedback
  - Virtual Comment Card to provide additional feedback
- Live presentation and Q&A held on August 26, 2021

### Trending Topics

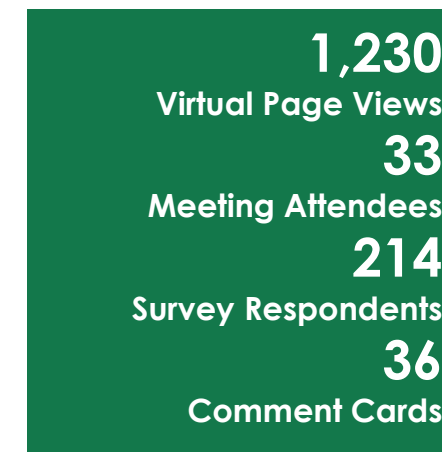
- Public Transit**

Comments included support for rail transit, BRT and buses using the managed lanes and some concerns about transit related to low-density land use
- Highway and Arterial Improvements**

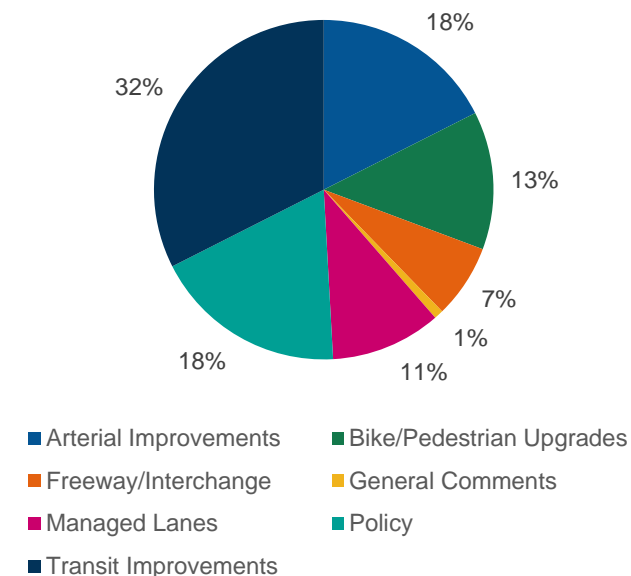
Comments included support for Collector/Distributor lanes and certain interchange improvements, better enforcement of traffic laws, and suggestions for dedicated access to I-285 from managed lanes
- Managed Lanes**

Comments included support for managed lanes usage for transit and conversion of existing lanes (rather than adding new ones), along with some concerns around equity and tolling costs
- Freight/Truck Management**

Comments included support for commercial lanes and enforcing speed limits



Overall  
Comments by Category



# STUDY TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS

Study Kick Off: Q1 2019

Visioning Meeting  
May 2019

Phase 1 Public Outreach  
Nov 2019

Phase 2 Public Outreach  
August 2021

Current Status

Already Completed

Goal Setting

Alternatives  
Generation

1,000+ Ideas

Tier 1 Screening

219 Alternatives

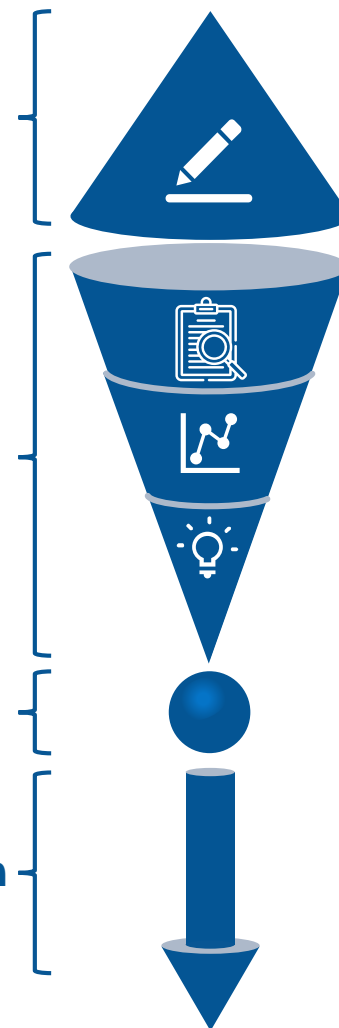
Tier 2 Screening

161 Alternatives

Tier 3 Screening

Study  
Recommendations

Implementation Plan



Study End: Q3 CY 2023



# QUESTIONS?

## City/Municipalities



## County



## Regional



# CID



## Federal/National



## State



## Freight





# Appendix

## Overview of 85 Toll Lanes

## Trips by Vehicle Make and Model

Vehicle Make and Model	Percent of Accounts	Percent of Trips
Ford F150	9.3%	8.0%
Honda Accord	6.4%	5.7%
Toyota Camry	5.0%	4.4%
Ford Explorer	3.1%	3.1%
Honda Odyssey	3.1%	3.5%
Honda Crv	3.1%	3.0%
Honda Civic	3.0%	2.6%
Honda Pilot	2.9%	3.3%
Toyota Highlander	2.7%	3.4%
Nissan Altima	2.5%	2.3%
Lexus Rx350	2.4%	2.9%
Toyota Rav4	1.9%	2.0%
Acura Mdx	1.9%	2.0%
Jeep Grand Cherokee	1.8%	2.2%
Ford Escape	1.8%	1.9%

Please note: Percent of accounts do not total 100%-These are the top 15 make and models making the trip in this corridor.

## Trips by Vehicle Model Year (For 2019 Operations)

Vehicle Year	Percent of 85 HOT Trips
2020	6.2%
2019	11.7%
2018	12.9%
2017	12.4%
2016	12.1%
2015	12.0%
2014	8.1%
2013	7.1%
2012	4.8%
2011	3.1%
2010	2.3%
2009	1.2%
2008	1.6%
2007	2.0%
2006	1.2%



## Frequency of Weekday Usage by Individual Peach Pass Account Holders\* (For 2019)

Number of weekday trips per week	Unique Users	Percent of Users
Greater than 20 trips	10	0.0%
16 - 20 trips	48	0.0%
11 - 15 trips	365	0.2%
6 - 10 trips	6664	3.6%
5 Trips	1847	1.0%
4 Trips	5162	2.8%
3 Trips	10805	5.9%
2 Trips	56422	30.8%
1 or fewer	102024	55.6%

\* Does not include corporate accounts or transit vehicles

## Average AM & PM Peak Period Tolls by Month (in 2019)

Month	AM Peak	PM Peak
Jan-19	\$5.48	\$6.63
Feb-19	\$5.98	\$6.93
Mar-19	\$5.96	\$7.24
Apr-19	\$5.51	\$6.95
May-19	\$5.00	\$6.91
Jun-19	\$4.60	\$7.20
Jul-19	\$3.80	\$6.87
Aug-19	\$4.81	\$6.99
Sep-19	\$5.38	\$6.87
Oct-19	\$5.80	\$6.92
Nov-19	\$4.73	\$6.82
Dec-19	\$4.79	\$6.23
Jan-20	\$6.02	\$6.97
Feb-20	\$8.31	\$7.16
Mar-20	\$6.05	\$5.43

## Transit Routes Operating in Express Lanes in 2019

Route	Operator
410 - Sugarloaf Mills to Lindbergh MARTA	Xpress
411 - Hamilton Mills/Mall of Georgia to Midtown	Xpress
412 - Sugarloaf Mills to Midtown	Xpress
414 - Hamiton Mill/Mall of Georgia/Sugarloaf Mills to Midtown	Xpress
413 - Hamiton Mill/Mall of Georgia to Downtown	Xpress
416 - Dacula to Downtown	Xpress
417 - Sugarloaf Mills to Perimeter Center	Xpress
102 - Indian Trail Park & Ride to Downtown Atlanta	Gwinnett County Transit
103 - Sugarloaf Mills Park & Ride to Downtown Atlanta	Gwinnett County Transit
103A - Reverse Commute from downtown Atlanta to Sugarloaf Mills	Gwinnett County Transit
110 - Indian Trail Park & Ride to CDC and Emory University	Gwinnett County Transit

## Transit Observation Notes Provided By SRTA

- Registered vanpools, through the ATL's vanpool program, also count as transit vehicles and are exempt from paying tolls.
- A study of 2012 operations showed that express buses accounted for more than 20% of person-throughput in the I-85 HOT lanes while constituting less than 2% of vehicle trips.
  - Another study is ongoing, which will update this metric based on 2018 and 2019 data for all Express Lanes (EL) facilities.
- The EL system also contributes to transit reliability.
  - Based on July-December 2019 Xpress operations data reviewed by SRTA/ATL staff, buses traveling in the ELs (systemwide, not just I-85) had more on-time arrivals at destinations, compared with non-EL routes.
    - During AM operations, on time performance for EL routes was 7 percentage points better than for GP routes.
    - During PM operations, on time performance for EL routes 17 percentage points better than for GP routes.





# Property Management Update

**Troy Hill**

**Right of Way Administrator**

**October 21, 2021**

# Property Management Agenda

- GDOT Surplus Properties
- Surplus Property Disposal Objectives
- Surplus Property Disposal Processes
- Leases
- Policies, Procedures, Statutory Regulations
- FY 2021 & 2022 Totals
- New State Property Manager

# GDOT Surplus Properties

- What are Surplus Properties?
- How are they created?
- Examples: Remnant parcels, Wetland parcels, others
- Link: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/RealEstate>

## Real Estate For Sale

Interested in purchasing property from the Georgia DOT? Please view options below.



### GIS Online Parcel Data Map

Access Georgia DOT's GIS map to view parcel data.

NOTE: This application is supported on Google Chrome, Firefox and Safari..

[View Map](#)

# Surplus Property Disposal Objectives

- Generate revenue - Surplus property project account
  - Surplus program expenses
  - Capital Improvement Program
- Place properties back on Local property tax digests
- Reduce the maintenance and oversight of Surplus properties



# Surplus Property Disposal Processes

- Two Methods:
  - Receive applications from interested parties
  - Proactively market properties

# Surplus Property Disposal Processes

## Application Method

- GDOT receives Surplus property requests/applications
- Internal review
- Establish Value
- Owner first right of refusal/30 years
- Advertise/Receive Sealed bids
- Public Request – Local municipalities
- Link: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/RealEstate>



## Applicant Request Form: Sale

Submit a request to purchase excess property from Georgia DOT.

[View Form](#)

# Surplus Property Disposal Processes

## Marketing Method

- GDOT currently has a Consultant Contract in place to proactively market properties
- Consultant Team consists of Real Estate Brokers, Appraisers, Environmentalist, Designers, Surveyors, and Attorneys
- Advertise properties
- Link: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/RealEstate>



## GDOT Surplus Property Listings

This site is designed to provide the public with information and broker contacts on available properties that GDOT deems as surplus.

[View Listings](#)



# Surplus Property Leases

- GA Code 32-7-5
  - Prior owners or tenants
  - Adjacent property owners (only for parking purposes)
  - Others Public bid process
- Leased for Fair Market Rent Value

# Surplus Property Disposal Policies

- GA Code Title 32-7-4
- CFR 23 part 710.409
- Right of Way Manual, Chapter 16, on GDOT website
- Policy changes:
  - Revised state code to allow more flexible negotiations
  - Changed appraisal methodology

# Surplus Property Sales and Leases

FY 2021 Total Sales	FY 2021 Total Revenue	FY 2022 Total Sales To date	FY 2022 Total Revenue To date	FY 2022 Pending Contracts	Total current Leases	Annual Lease Revenue
99	\$3,039,730	22	\$1,160,705	2 Contracts \$2,307,700	50	\$140,870

# Property Management Unit

- **Jay Strange** is the new State Property Manager
- Contact Info.: [jstrange@dot.ga.gov](mailto:jstrange@dot.ga.gov)  
Office: 706-646-7564  
GDOT Cell: 706-601-5864



**Questions?**





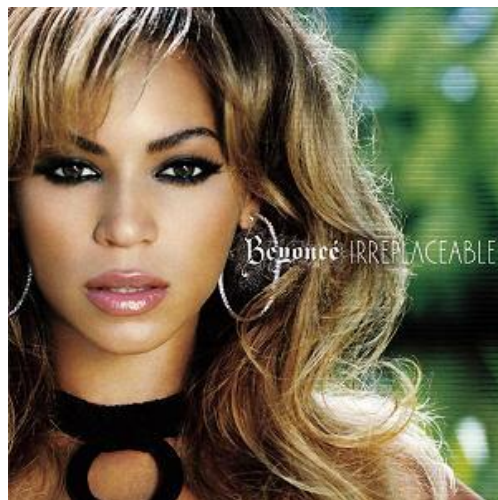
# Office of Environmental Services (OES): Environmental Streamlining

**Eric Duff**

**State Environmental Administrator**

**October 21, 2021**

## Beyoncé #1 Music Artist



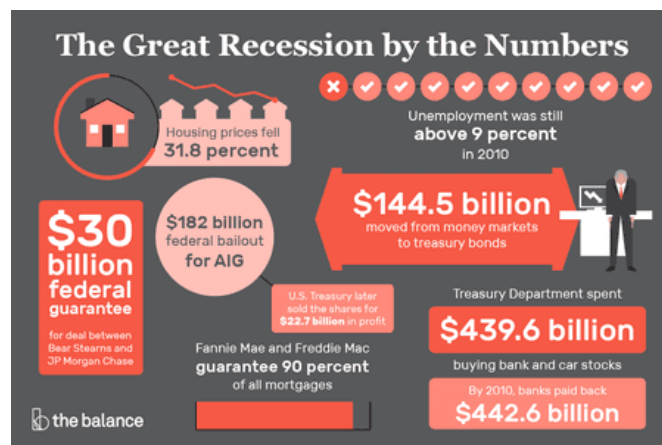
# 2007/2008



## The First iPhone



## 2008 Great Recession



# GeorgiaTrend

## Transportation Gridlock: Can Atlanta's Traffic Be Fixed?

October 1, 2007

**“GDOT environmental processes described as more bureaucratic than sensible.”**

**“Georgia doesn't have a process to timely move projects through design so you can actually construct them.”**

## A New Direction For Georgia's DOT. February 1, 2008

**“GDOT (environmental) process was broken.”**



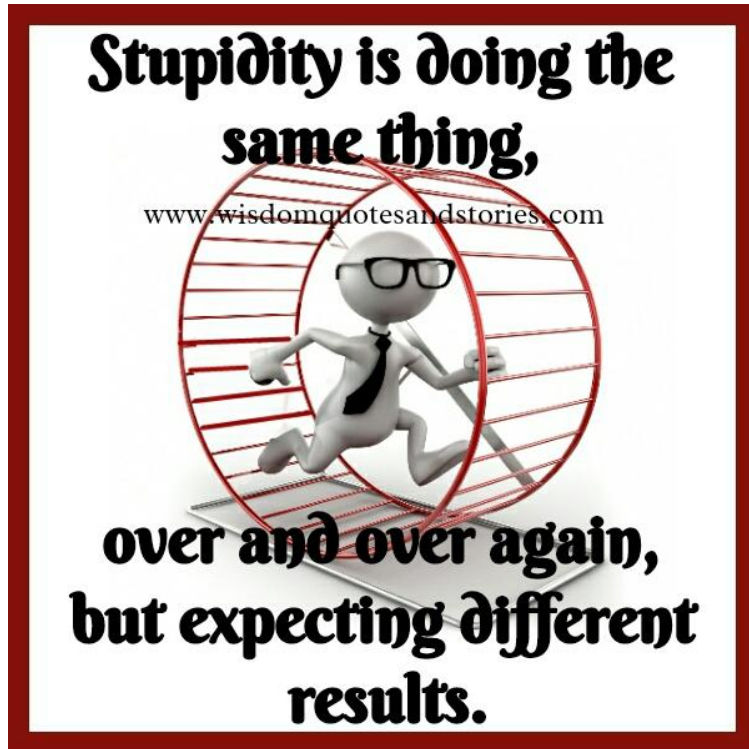
# At GDOT, we are at our best when faced with a challenge...

## 2017 I-85 Bridge Collapse



## 2020 Hurricane Sally

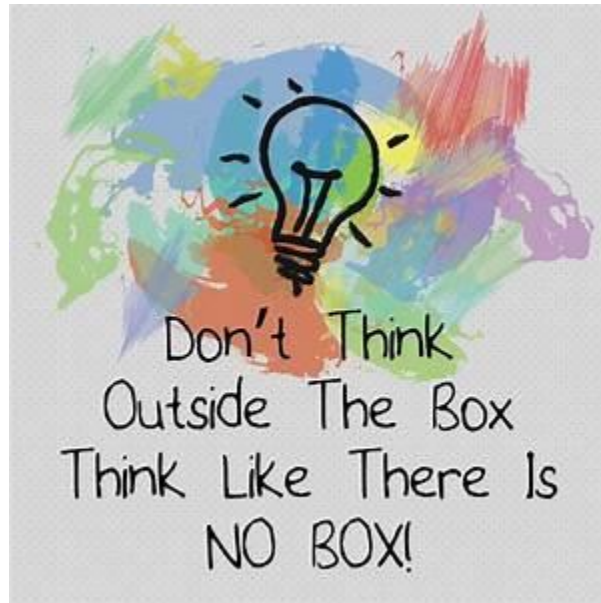




**Fourteen years is a long time...**  
**How has OES changed?**



Past experiences shaped our “new” view on building teams. Innovation is a direct result of talented people who think outside the box for continuous improvement!



# Connected Nationally within the Transportation Industry



TRB Committee Member: ADC10/Environmental Analysis in Transportation

TRB Committee Member: ADC30/Ecology and Transportation

TRB Committee Member: ADC50/Historic & Archaeological Preservation

TRB Committee Member: ADC20&40/Air Quality & Trans. Noise-Vibration

AASHTO Committee Member: Environment and Sustainability (CES)

AASHTO Subcommittee Members: Cultural and Natural Resource Panels

AASHTO Sustainability Working Group

AASHTO Noise and Air Quality Working Groups

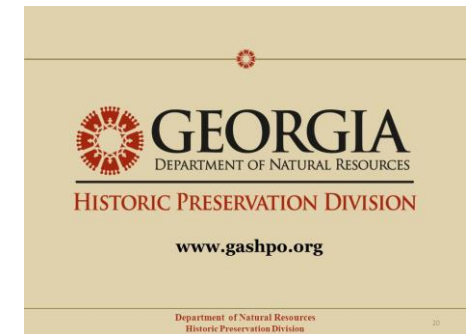
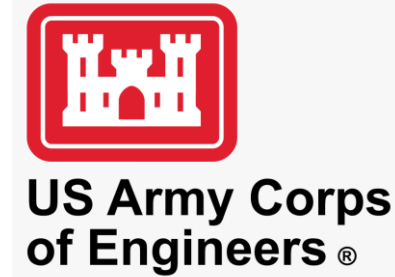
## GDOT provided extensive comments to the Council on Environmental Quality on the Final Rule to Modernize NEPA Regulations (finalized July 15, 2020)



**\*Example: 1-Year Environmental Assessments**



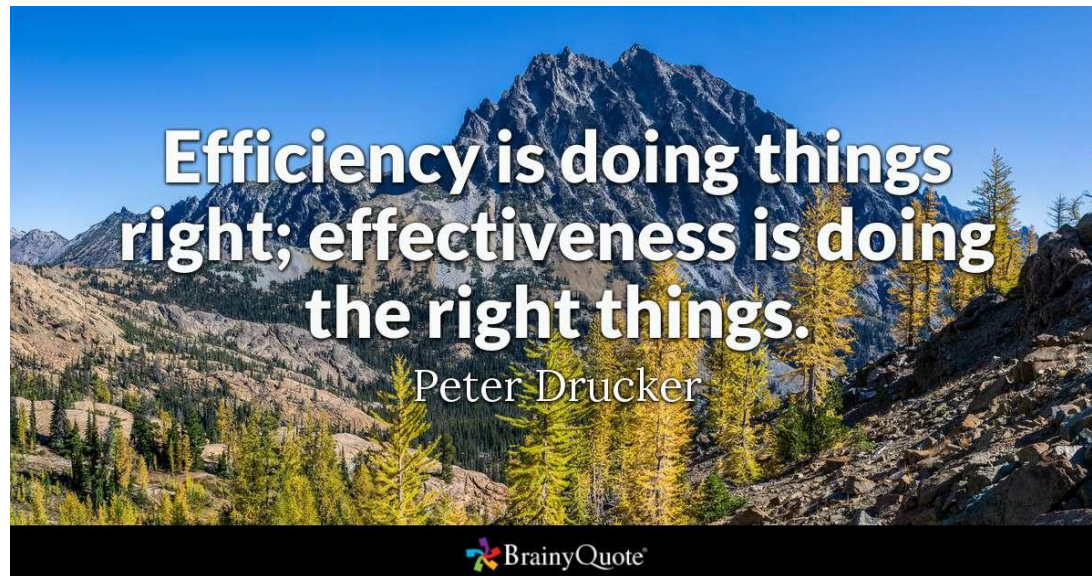
Creating a **Culture of Collaboration** for a high quality and efficient environmental process...



GDOT's **Interagency Office of Environmental Quality**...



# Leveraging the talent of our environmental consultants through partnership and training, adding value to the environmental process to deliver GDOT's Work Program as an ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY!







OES is now award winning: FHWA's award announcement letter to GDOT states, **"Transportation projects are expeditiously delivered with innovative and effective environmental stewardship"**.



**Environmental Excellence Award**



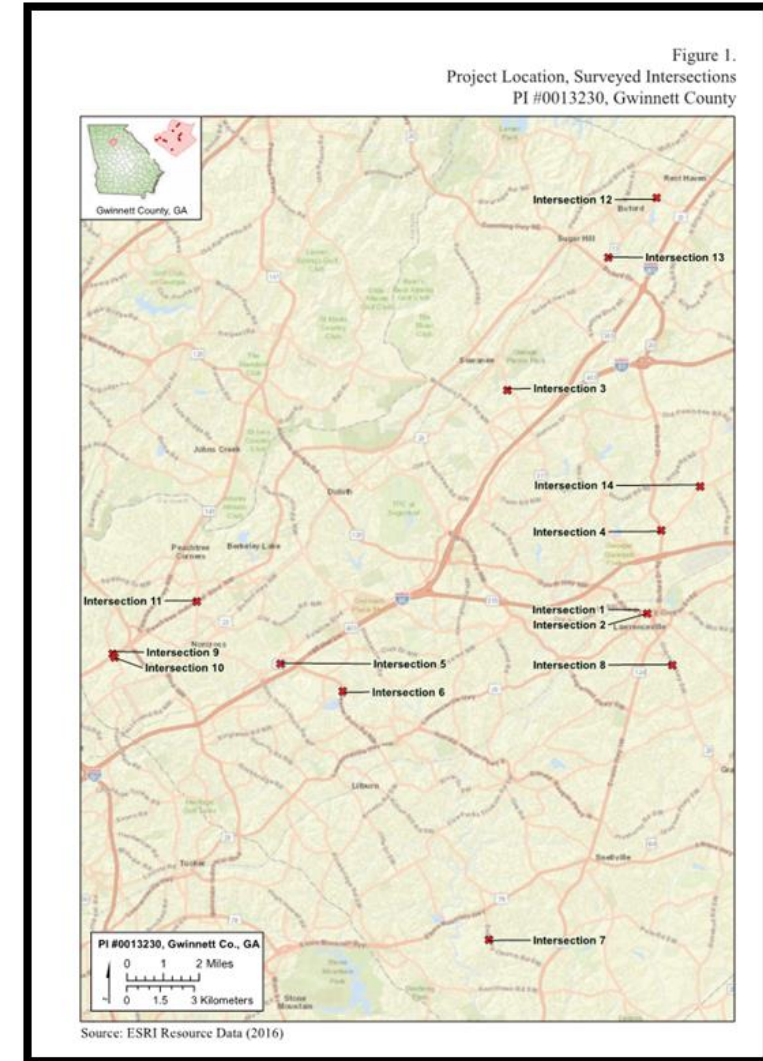
**Environmental Excellence Award**

# *Recent* **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



# Cultural Resource Example

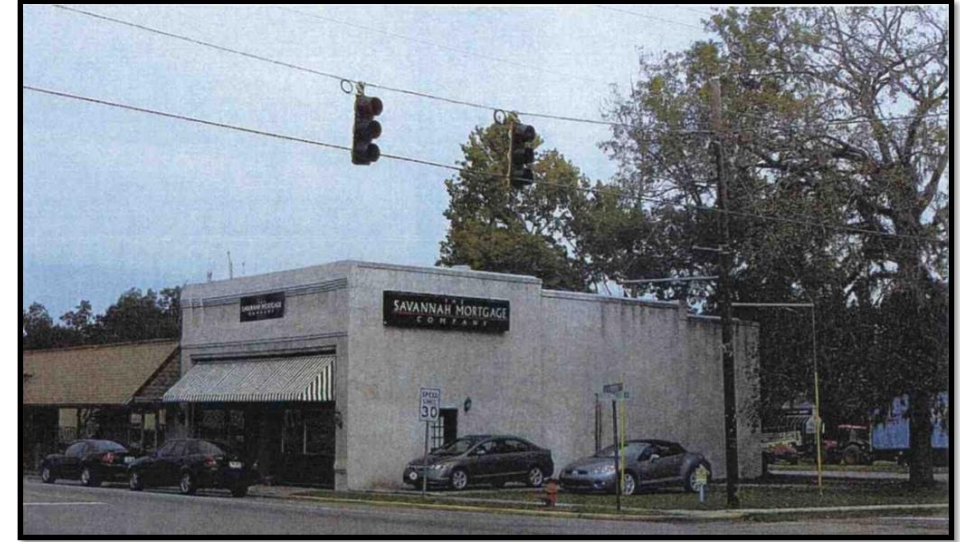
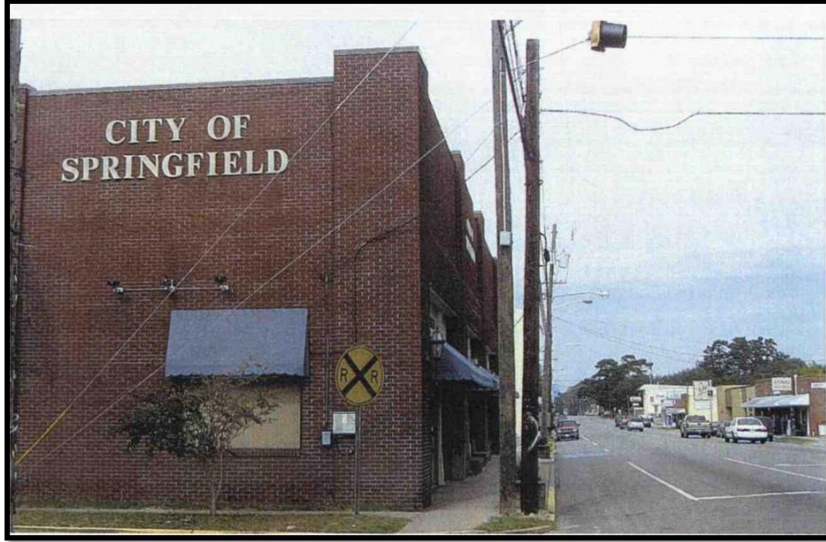
Traffic Operations MOU cuts down on project costs and delivers projects faster



- Signalized intersection upgrades from span wires to mast arms
- Potential cost savings for GDOT per project: \$250,000



Before



After



# New Ecology Local Coordination Procedures (LCP)

**AllOnGeorgia** *"New GDOT Agreement Targets  
Environmental Procedures"* September 6, 2019



*"GDOT, FHWA, USACE Forge New Environmental  
Agreement"* September 6, 2019



Interagency Clean Water Act agreement to identify the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative earlier in the transportation planning process



# New Cultural Resource Section 106 Programmatic Agreement

## Transport Topics

**“Georgia DOT, Partners Sign Pact to Streamline Construction Projects”** December 16, 2019



# Virtual Public Involvement (PI) (February 2020)



- **This is what the public saw at 55 mph...**

# Our Virtual PI Proposal Approved by FHWA



- Create websites for each project
- Use direct mail for applicable postal routes
- Utilize social media to advertise
- Eliminate roadway signage

**Not a proposal to eliminate public involvement**

Traditional PI  
(Consultant Led)

Components	Cost
Staff – 12 people \$89/hr (avg)/8 hrs	\$8,544
Signs (15 @ \$105/sign)	\$1,575
Meals/Gas	\$400
Dry Run (8 people for 3 hrs)	\$3,204
Prep Time (8 people for 3 hrs)	\$3,204
<b>Total</b>	<b>~\$17,000</b>

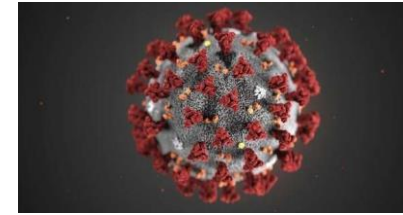
## Cost Comparison



Components	Cost (\$)
Postage and printing for ~1000 mailers	\$400
Fliers	\$200
Social media posts	Negligible
<b>Total</b>	<b>~\$600</b>

Virtual PI

# Virtual Public Meetings During COVID-19

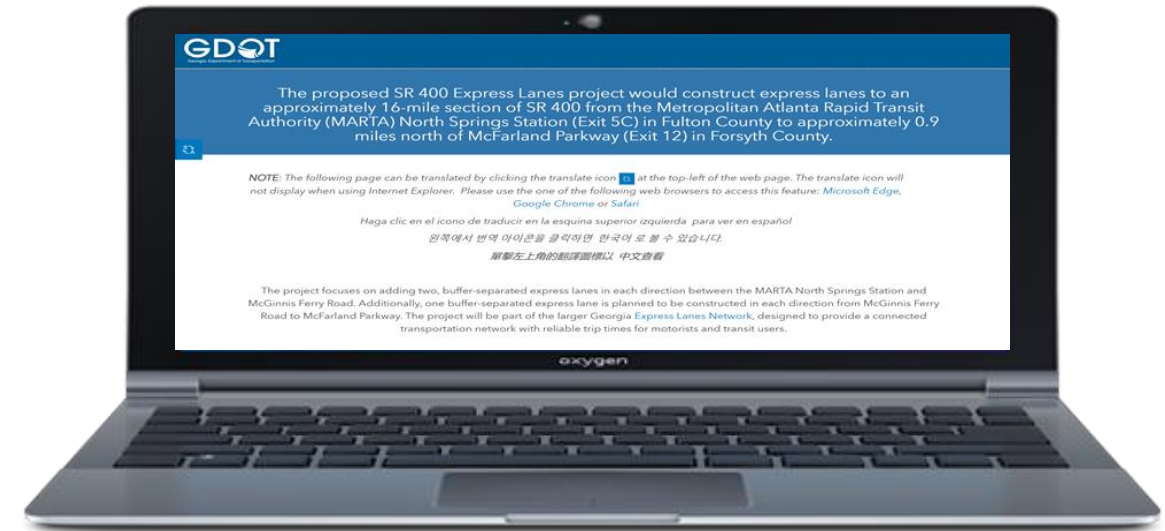


## State Route (SR) 10 Business (BUS) @ SR 10/US 78: New Location Ramp Connection

Project ID # 0015678 - Walton County

The proposed project would improve operational efficiency and provide safety enhancements by constructing a new location ramp connection from westbound West Spring Street/SR 10 BUS to eastbound SR 10/US 78 in Walton County, Georgia.

The ramp would also provide emergency vehicles traveling from the Piedmont Walton Hospital immediate access to SR 10/US 78 eastbound.



We Want Your Feedback.

## **FY 21 At A Glance**

Average number of *page views*: **607**

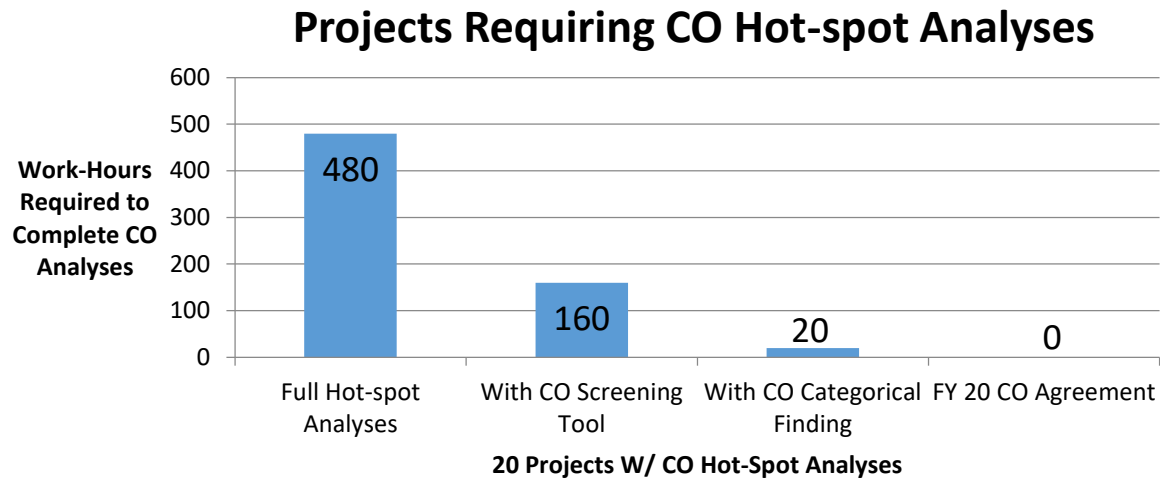
Average number of *comments received*: **37**

**Survey for PI #0015558: Your comments are important to us!**

We invite you to leave feedback on the proposed project until July 27, 2020. All comments will be considered as we develop the plans, and a response will be posted to this site approximately 30 days after the close of the comment

[Leave Comment](#)

# FHWA – GDOT CO Agreement: Qualitative Project-Level Analyses



- Full CO hot-spot analyses are no longer required in Air Assessments for GDOT projects, now handled by standard template language in reports
- GA is recognized as being in attainment for national CO standards



# No More Netting Bridges to Exclude Birds New in FY 20/21

❖ Exclusionary devices: installed **before March 1** or **No work** between **April – August**



January	February	March	April
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May	June	July	August
September	October	November	December
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**Deterrence by**



**Birds are not harmed**

**Controlled**

- USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service – Wildlife Service (APHIS – WS) manages program
- No longer contractor's responsibility

**Cost effective**

- Savings of approximately \$3.2 million over 2 years



*Migratory Bird Treaty Act compliance that is predictable - no project delays!*

# Joint Coordination Procedures (JCP)-Update

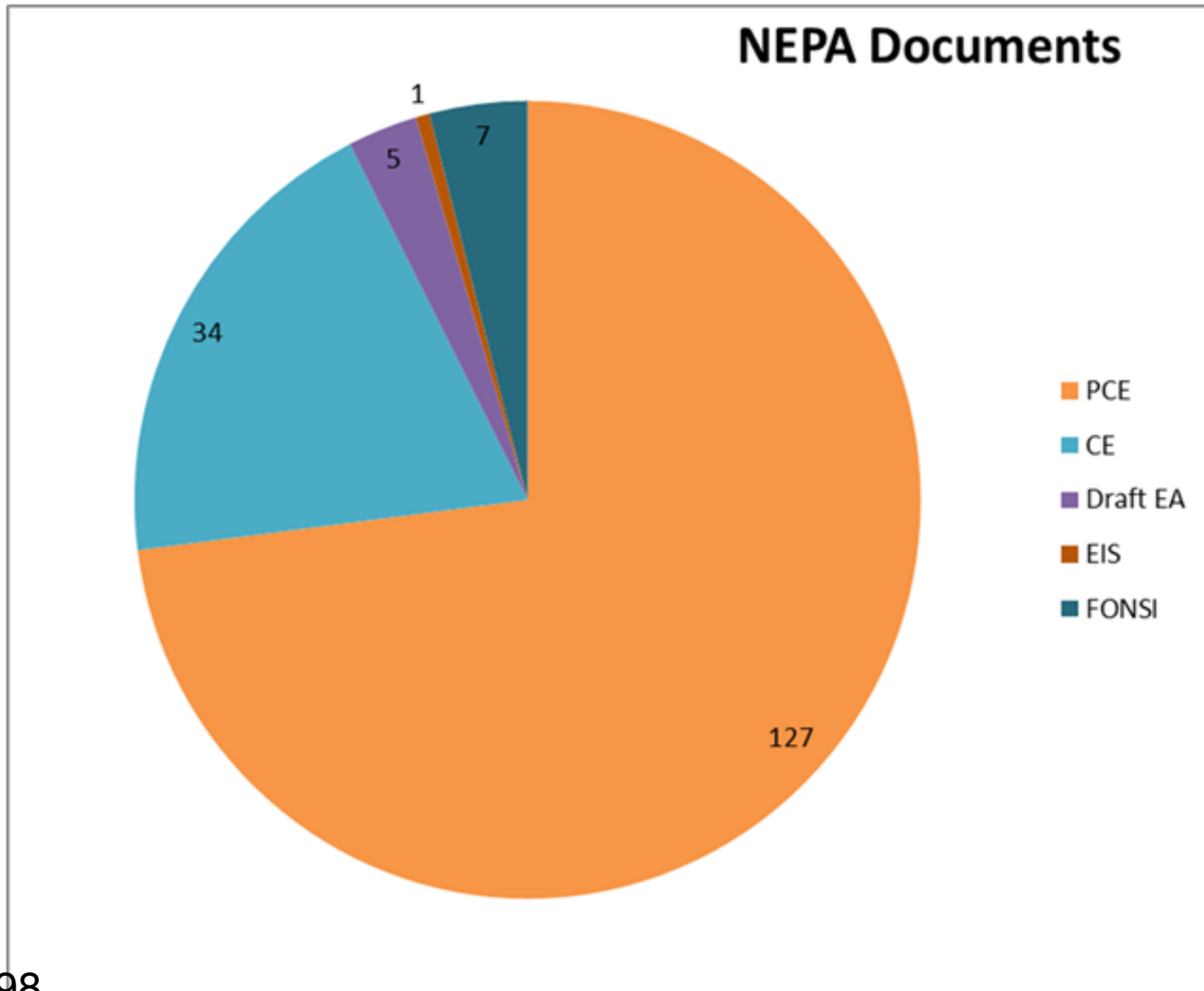


## *Innovative procedures to expedite coordination with the Endangered Species Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*

“Great document, that further streamlines and clarifies our process and approach to environmental issues in support of the maintenance and improvement of our state infrastructure.” Don Imm, USFWS

“I echo Don’s words and would like to thank everyone who were instrumental in reaching this extraordinary agreement.” Moises Marrero, FHWA

# FY 21 NEPA Documents Approved



- 161 of FY 21 Approved NEPA documents were Categorical Exclusions (CEs)
- 127 Programmatic CEs, requiring no FHWA approval
- Busiest year ever, with 12 Environmental Assessments and 1 Environmental Impact Statement

## In the Works for FY 2022

Wetland Mitigation Credit Forecasting-utilizing GDOT's 10-year plan to ensure sustainability of mitigation credit needs for future projects







**Thank You!**





# GDOT District 6 Update

**Grant Waldrop**  
**District Engineer**  
**October 21, 2021**

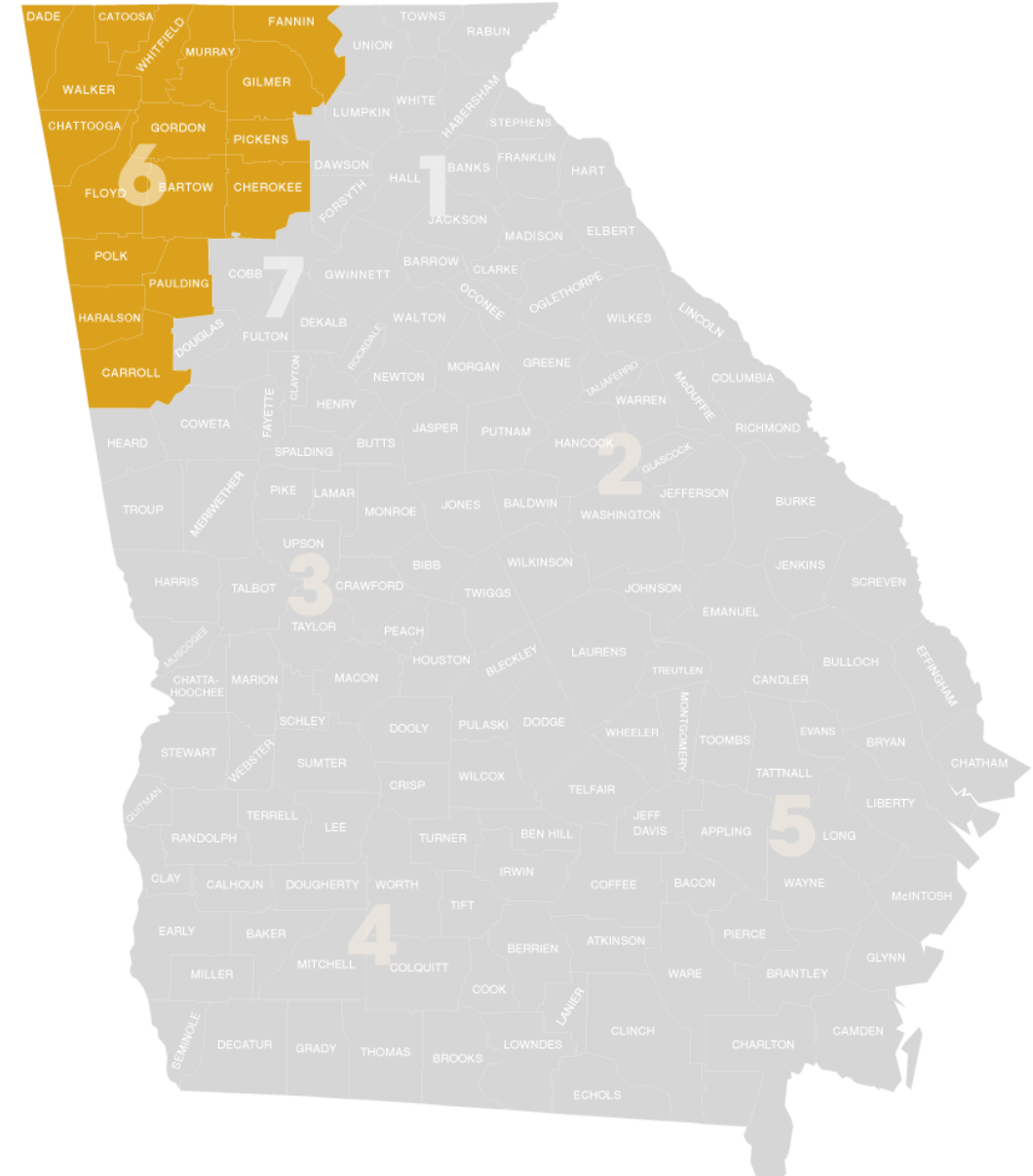
# Agenda

- **District update**
- **Preconstruction**
- **Construction**
- **Maintenance**
- **Operations/Quick Response**



## District 6- Northwest Georgia

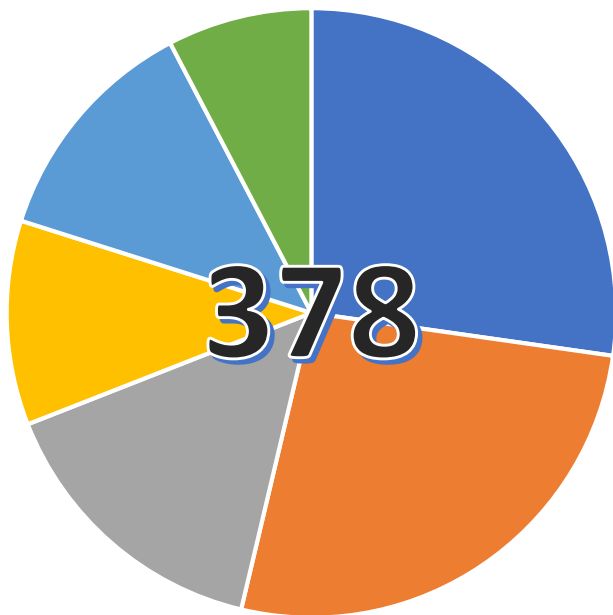
- **17 Counties**
- **155 Centerline miles of Interstates**
- **1888 Centerline miles of State Routes**
- **1.3 Million population**



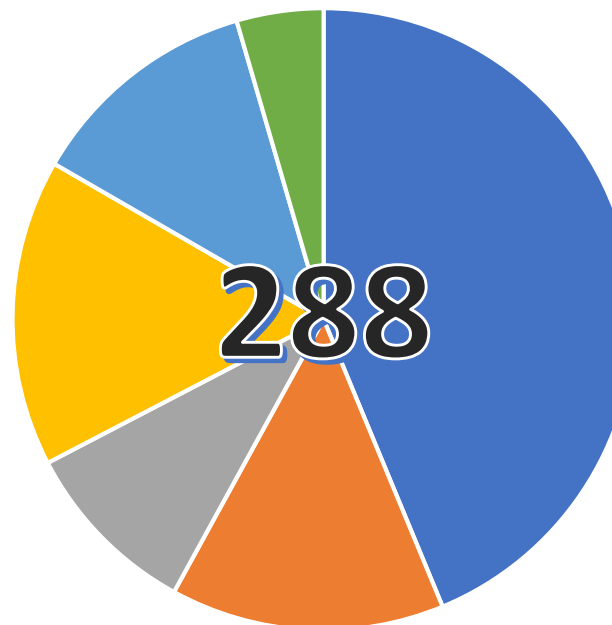
# District 6 Employees

Tenure (years)

GDOT Tenure - 2010



GDOT Tenure - 2021

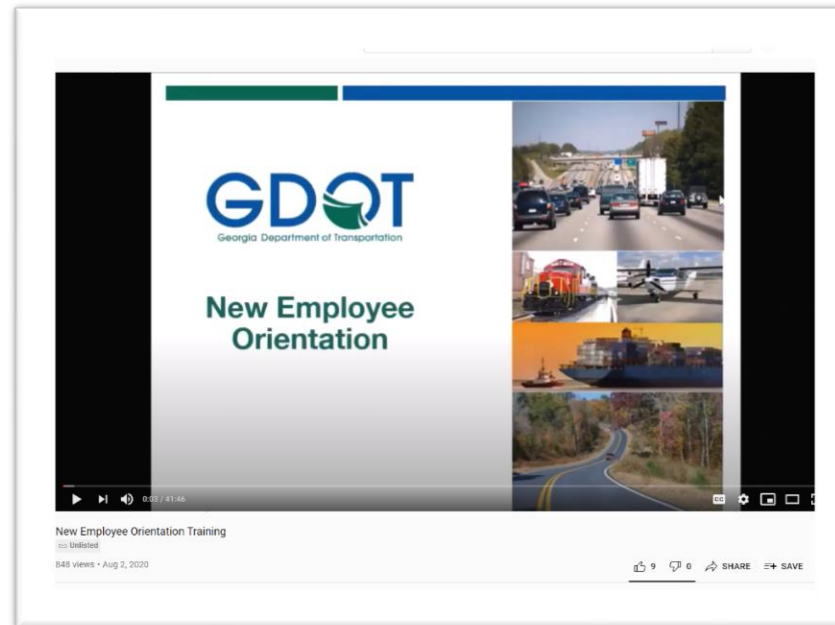


■ 0-5   ■ 6-10   ■ 11-15   ■ 16-20   ■ 21-25   ■ 26+

# Improving the onboarding process

Need to prepare employees faster than ever

- Online New Employee Orientation
- Virtual Interviews
- Commercial Drivers License Training
- Testing Facility
- Maintenance Skills Development Program (Boot Camp)





# Maintenance Boot Camp

- Hands-On Training:
  - Single-Axle Dump Truck
  - Front-End Loader
  - Excavator
  - Skid Steer
  - Trailer Hook-Up and Backing Procedures
  - Chainsaw Safety/Practice
- “Classroom” Training:
  - Personal Protective Equipment
  - Backing, Spotter and Defensive Driving
  - Traffic Control
  - Emergency Operations
  - Preventative Maintenance for Vehicles
  - Routine Maintenance Activities



# Pre-Construction

## • District Design

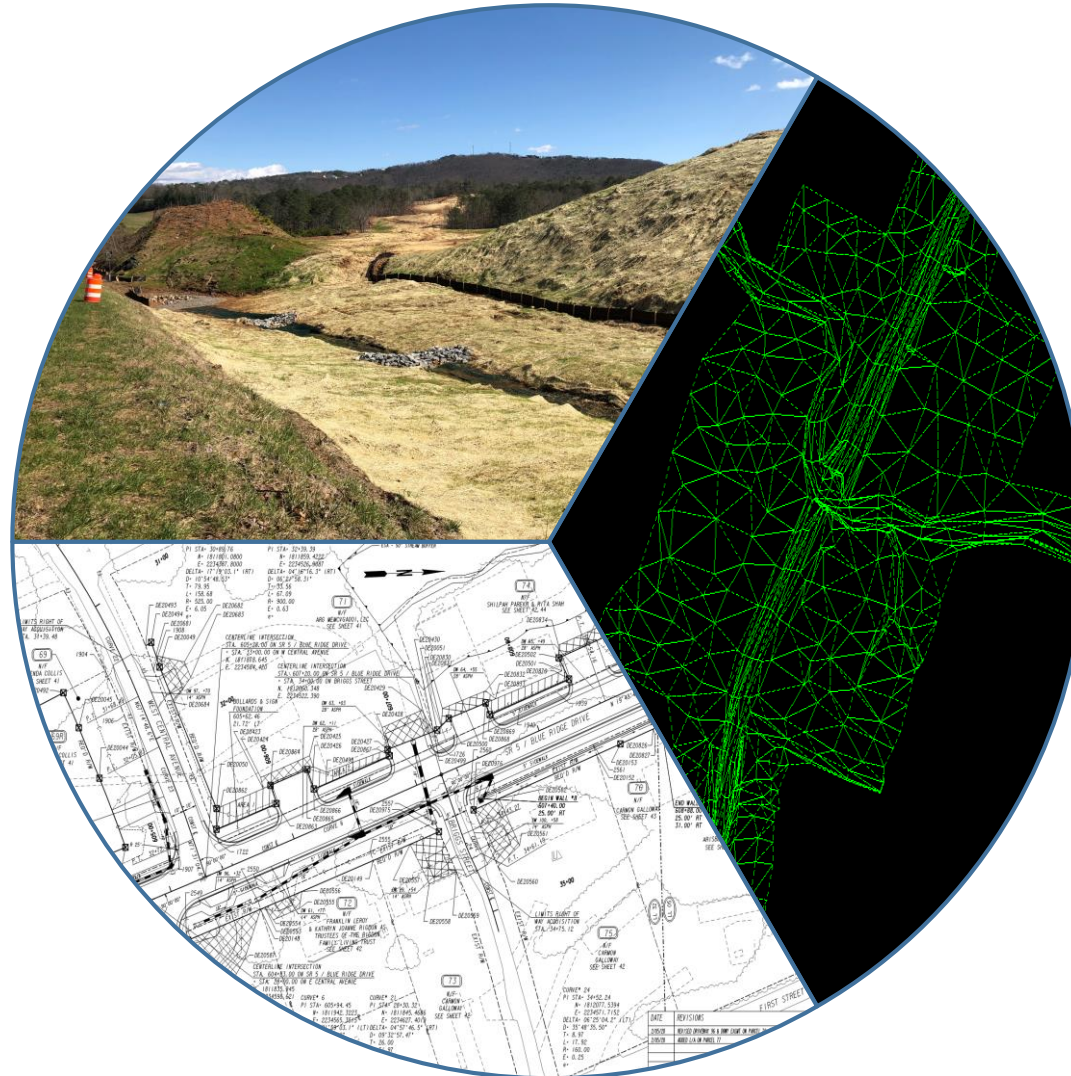
### 10 Engineers

- 4 Concept Team Meetings
- 12 Field Plan Review Inspections
- 7 Final Plans Submissions

## • Right-of-Way

### 15 Team Members

- 148 Parcels Acquired
- 30 Acres of ROW Acquired
- 13 Projects Certified



## • Survey

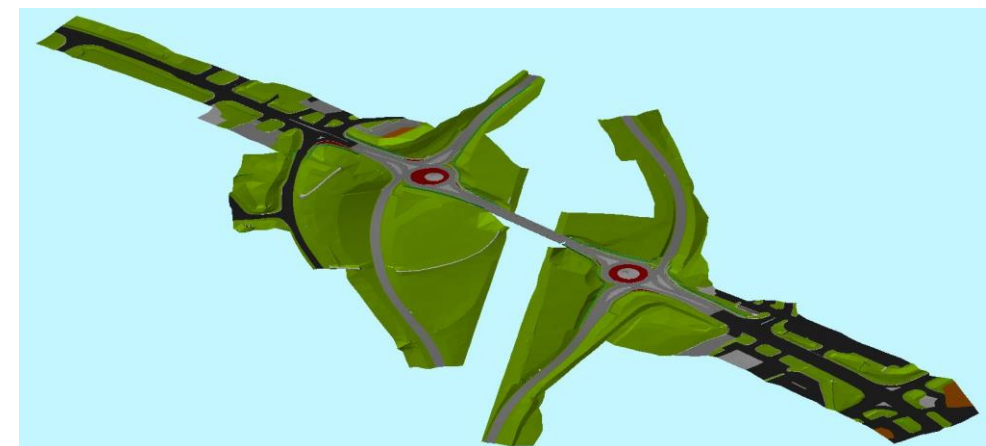
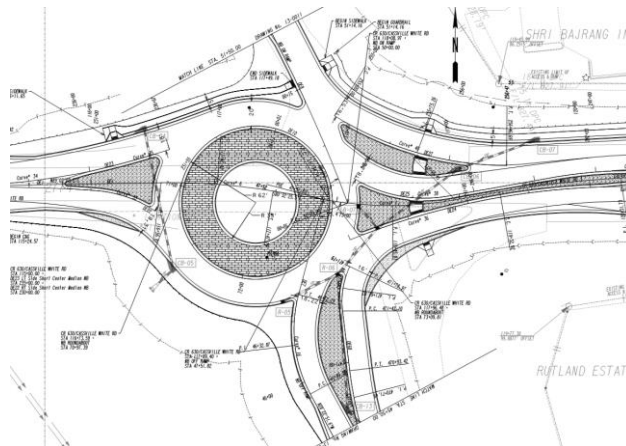
### 8 Survey Team Members

- 122 Acres Surveyed
- 6 Miles of Right of Way Staked
- 2.5 miles of Bridge Staking

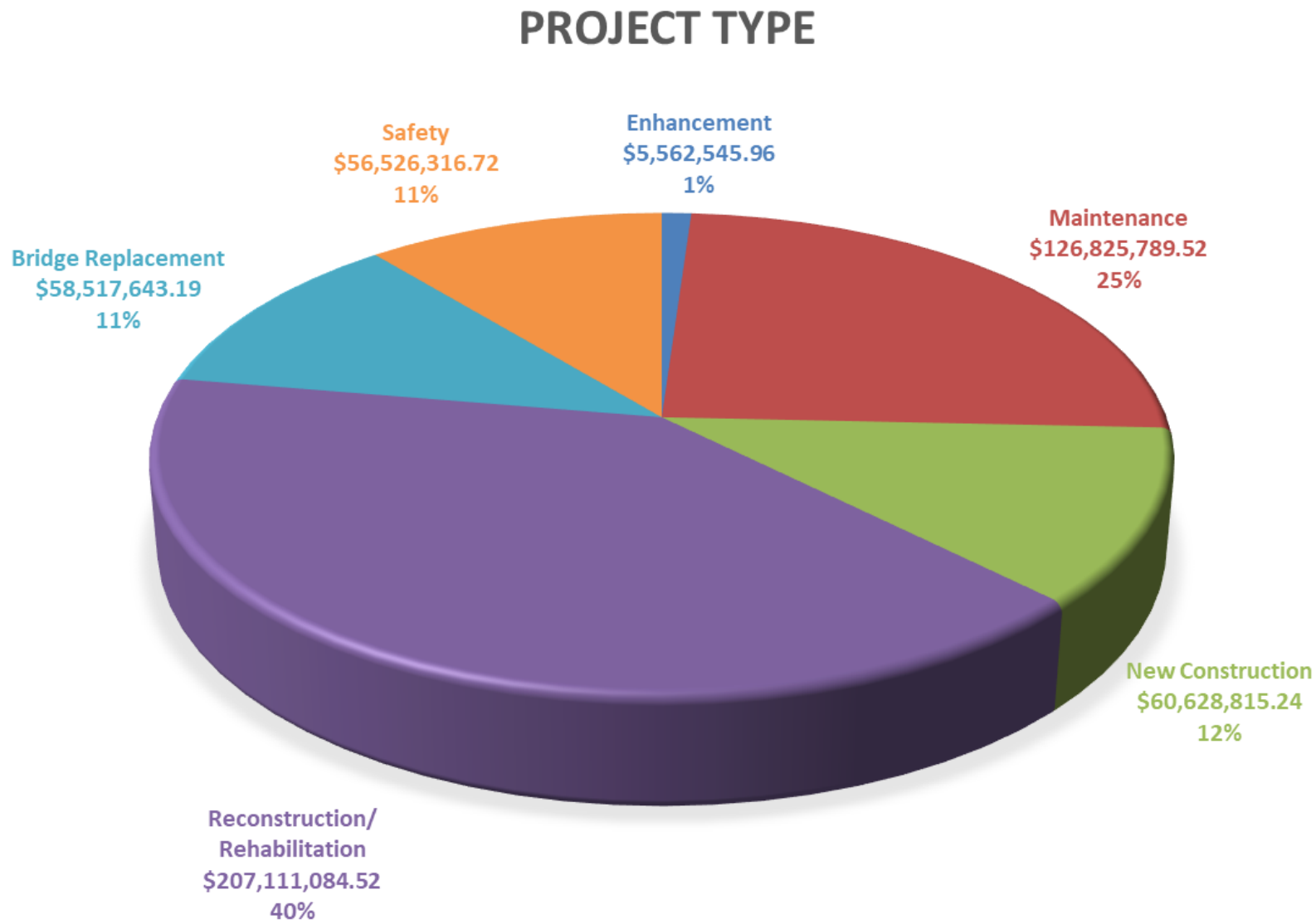


## P.I. 0013296: Cassville-White Rd @ I-75 Interchange

- Bartow County
- Roundabout Interchange
- Heavy Truck Volume



# Project Breakdown and Cost Distribution



# P.I. 0007691- Paulding County SR 92 Widening





# P.I. 0007691- Paulding County SR 92 Widening





# P.I. 621410 – Bartow County Old Alabama Road from SR 113 to Paga Mine Road





## P.I. 662510 – Gordon County SR 53 (South Calhoun Bypass)





## P.I. 662510 – Gordon County SR 53 (South Calhoun Bypass)

*“The project is literally paving the way for new ventures, opening the door for bold opportunities, and ensuring a future of prosperity, all right here in Gordon County.”*

Becky Hood

Gordon County Board of  
Commissioners





# US 41 Catoosa



- **Downtown Ringgold**
- **Shattered Concrete Base**
- **Unstable Subgrade**
- **Drainage Issues**





## SR 341 Walker

- **Downtown Chickamauga**
- **Nearby Natural Spring**
- **Collapsed Terracotta Pipes & Underground Voids**
- **Numerous Conflicting Utilities**





# Inclement Winter Weather

- **10 Events**
- **FY 21 Quantities:**
  - >Brine – 542,847 GAL
  - >Salt – 5,280 TN
  - >89's – 1,250 TN
  - >Calcium Chloride – 17,550 LBS



# Resource Requests



**Storm  
Cleanup**



**Mass Vaccination Sites**

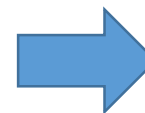


**Medical Supplies**

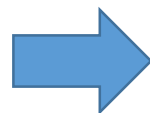


## ITB/RMR

- **35 Invitation To Bid (ITB)**
  - \$10 Million
- **4 Rapid Maintenance Response (RMR)**
  - \$600,000



**Pipe Maintenance**



**Vegetation Management**



**Pavement Markings**



# District 6 FYA Conversion Status

**Total District Signals - 592**

**Signals Converted to FYA - 252**

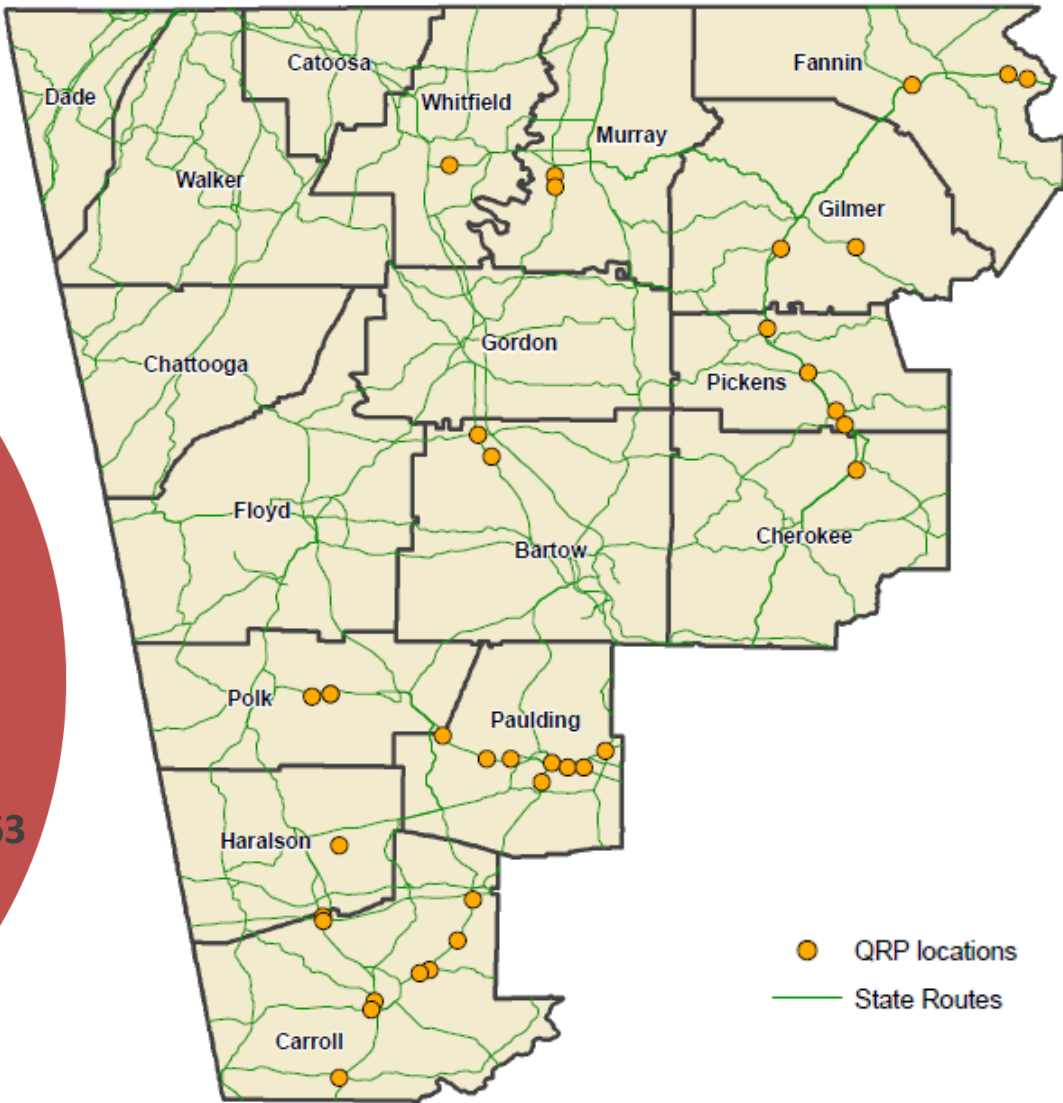
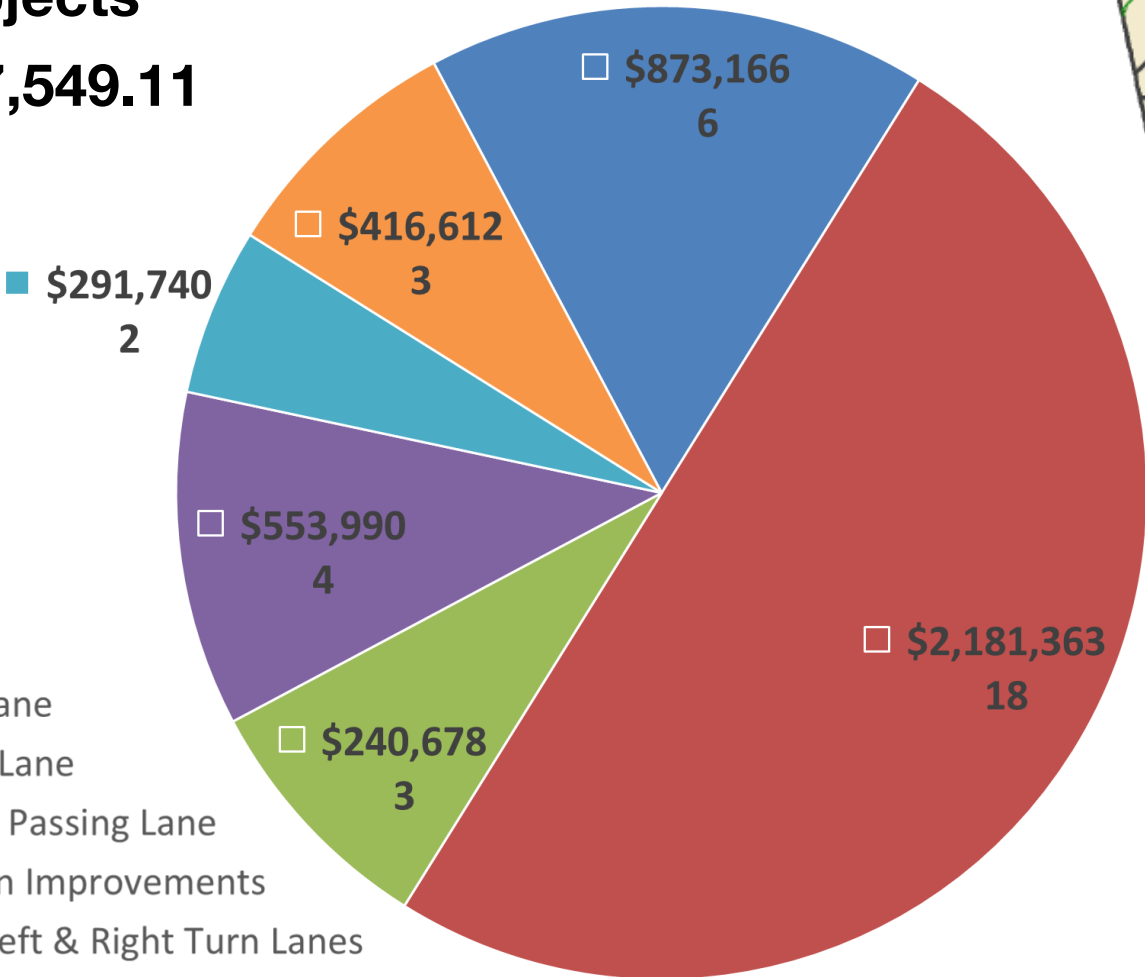
**Remaining Signals - 204**



Project Type	Number of Signals	Timeframe
Safety Upgrade Program	72	FY '22 - '24
Routine Widening / Reconstruction	2	FY '22 - '23
Signal Maintenance Program	103	FY '22 - '24
Signal Upgrade Program	27	Pending Programming / TBD

# FY 21 Quick Response

**36 Projects**  
**\$4,557,549.11**





# SR 61 @ Punkintown Rd – Carroll County

**Project Cost: \$168,059.29**



**Justin Owens**

It's been so great for my commute from Hiram to Carrollton. I used to wait up to 10 mins to get through the 3-way stop. Now I think it's under a minute at the longest it feels like. So happy about this!

**Marcus Merritt**

Came through there yesterday at peak traffic time. No backup at all!

**Debbie Roberts**

I go through there daily at different times . IT IS MUCH BETTER !!!!

**Madison Bell**

i pass by 3 time a week going to our dallas location and i used to wait 25-35 minutes to get through in the afternoons but now its always less than 5 minutes! most of the time i fly right though. i love it !!

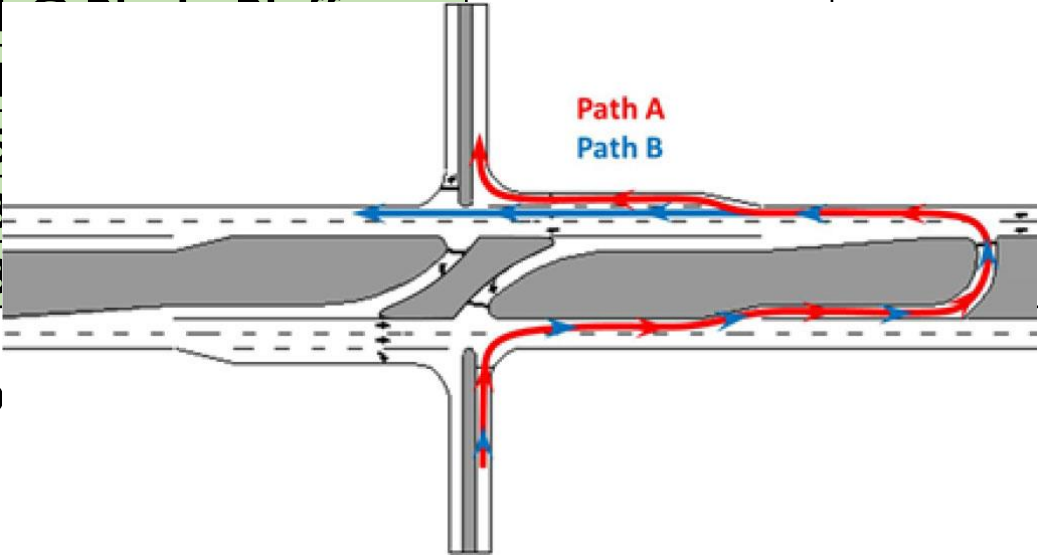
**Kaela Knowles**

I was so happy they put a round about there!!! Traffic is much improved 🍌🍌



# Reduced Conflict U-Turns (RCUTs)

	Years in Service	Avg B/C ratio
SR 1 @ Kierbow	5.2	1
SR 6 @ Main Street	3.4	
SR 6 @ Felton	2.6	
SR 1 @ ...		
SR 1		
SR 5		
SR 3		
SR 3		



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- US 411 @ Macedonia Rd – Bartow County
- US 278 @ Barber Rd – Polk County
- US 27 @ Price Creek Rd – Carroll County
- SR 61 @ Dock Hyde Rd– Carroll County



*I wanted to send an email complimenting the GDOT’s work at Mill Town Music Street and Hwy. 27 in Bremen...I’ll admit that I was skeptical about that plan, but that intersection is now much improved! And much safer!*  
 - Salli Thomason, Bremen City Councilmember





# Commissioner's Report to the State Transportation Board

**Russell R. McMurry, P.E.**

**Commissioner**

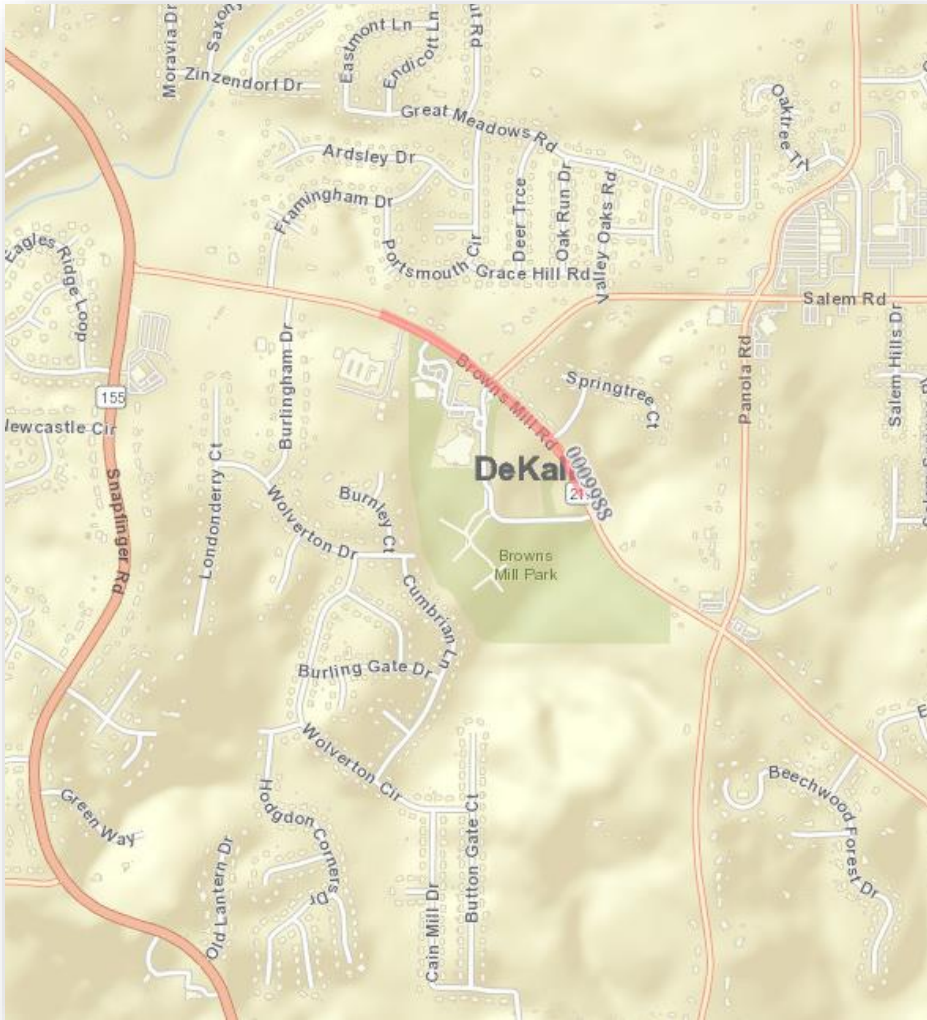
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# Commissioner's Update: September 2021 Data

- ☐ Transportation Fund Collections
- ☐ Employment Data
- ☐ Professional Services Procurement Update
- ☐ Highlights of Projects Open to Traffic

# Roundabout Construction

at SR 212 and CR 594 in DeKalb County





# Roundabout Construction

at SR 212 and CR 594 in DeKalb County





# Construction of a bridge and approaches on SR 4 over South Prong Creek in Richmond



# Construction of a bridge and approaches

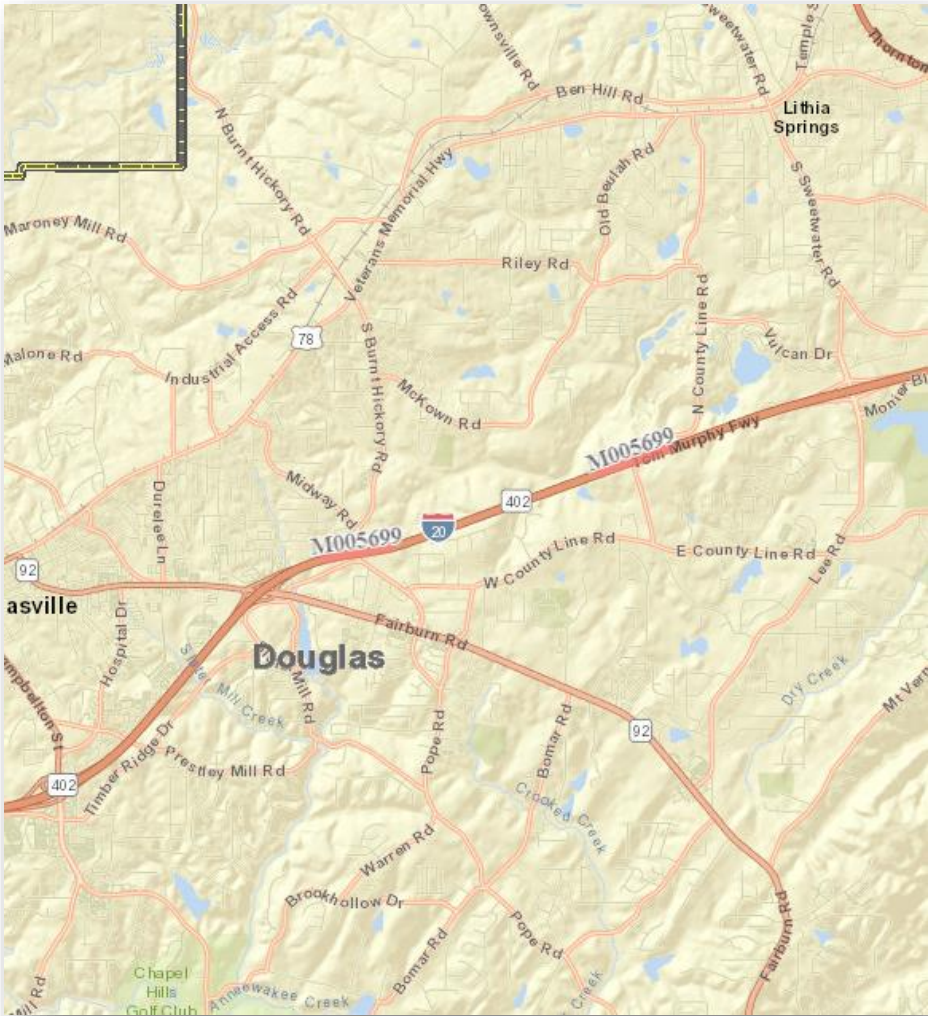
## on SR 4 over South Prong Creek in Richmond





# Bridge Rehabilitation

at six locations on I-20 in Douglas County





# Bridge Rehabilitation

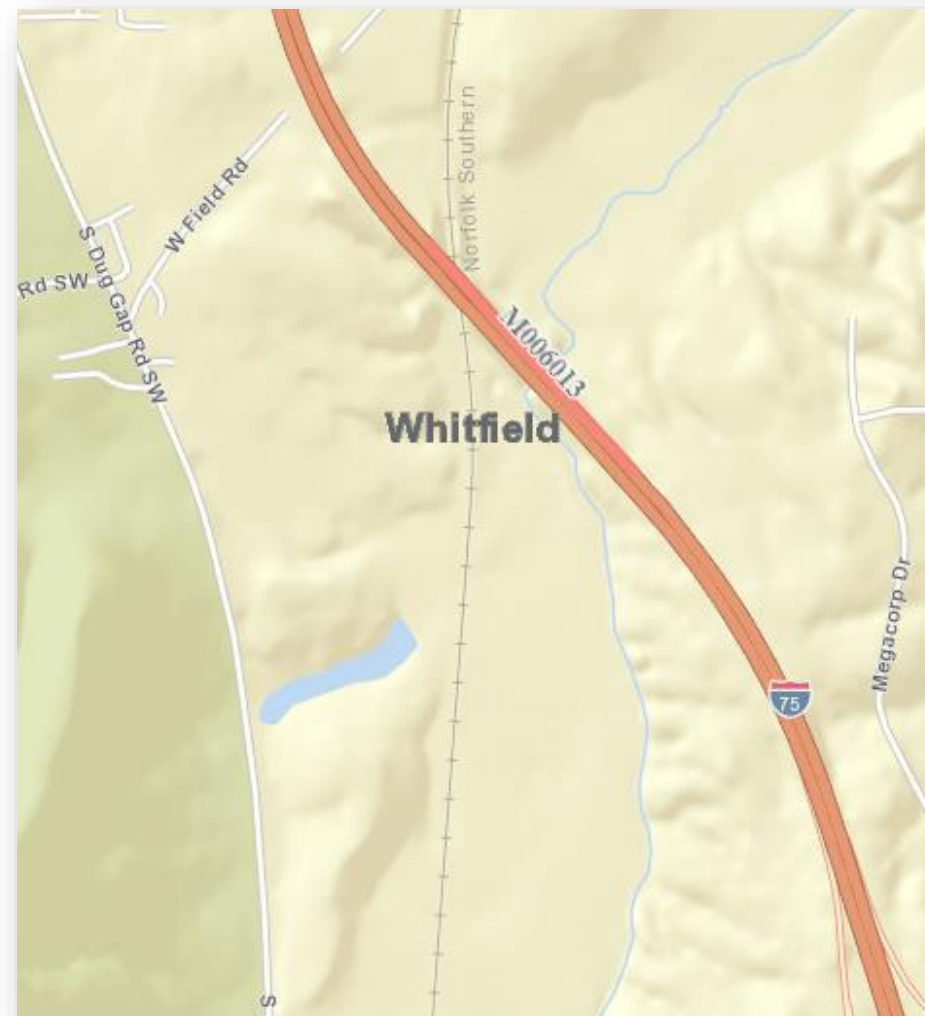
at six locations on I-20 in Douglas County





# Bridge Rehabilitation

## on I-75 over Swamp Creek in Whitfield County



# Bridge Rehabilitation

on I-75 over Swamp Creek in Whitfield County





# Honors, Achievements & Updates



# GDOT Welcomes New Division Director of Intermodal





# Effingham Parkway Groundbreaking





# Albany Transportation Center Groundbreaking





# Akers Mill NWC Ramp Groundbreaking



# GDOT and Georgia Association of Conservation Districts

## Georgia's Pollinators

*Who They Are, Why We Need Them, and How You Can Help*

Pollinator habitat sites, educational signs, and educational brochures were funded and compiled by:

GDOT Georgia Department of Transportation  
USDA United States Department of Agriculture  
GACD Georgia Association of Conservation Districts  
NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRCS is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

### Who They Are

**Wasps**

**Small bees**

**Flies**

**Beetles**

**Moths**

**Butterflies**

**Carpenter bees**

**Bumble bees**

### Pollinator resources in Georgia:

Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD) provides educational materials, outreach events, and more. Visit [www.gacp.org](http://www.gacp.org)

The University of Georgia (UGA) hosts the Great Georgia Pollinator Census every August. Find out how to participate in this community science project by visiting [www.ggpc.org](http://www.ggpc.org)

Monarchs Across Georgia (MAG) follows the migration of monarchs and participates in a variety of community science projects. Learn more at [www.ealliance.org/monarchs-across-ga](http://www.ealliance.org/monarchs-across-ga)

The Xerces Society leads pollinator conservation efforts across the nation. Go to [www.xerces.org](http://www.xerces.org)

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides funding to add pollinator spaces on farm lands, as well as funding for other conservation practices. Please visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov)

### Eastern tiger swallowtail (Papilio glaucus) Life Cycle

Use the words below to fill in the life cycle of one of our Georgia butterflies: the eastern tiger swallowtail!

**Egg**

**Pupa**

the inactive, non-adult form

**Larva**

the active, non-adult form (caterpillars)

**Adult**

Do you notice anything interesting about the stages of the eastern tiger swallowtail life cycle? Many of our pollinators need dried leaves and stems for parts of their life cycle. It may not look pretty to us, but it is appealing for our pollinators and necessary for their survival!

For the answers to the activities on this brochure and for more pollinator materials and information, please scan the QR code!

### Circle the foods that rely on pollinators!

### Why do we need pollinators?

Whether you are visiting Georgia or are a permanent resident, you benefit from pollinators. Georgia's pollinators are critical for plant life to survive in Georgia; they allow plants to reseed and continue their life cycles. Pollinators are also responsible for providing us with some of our favorite foods, including watermelons, blueberries, apples, squash, peppers, tomatoes, and more!

### How can we help pollinators?

Our pollinators are impacted when we take away their food and shelter sources. Pollinators need a variety of plant life: trees, shrubs, grasses, and herbaceous plants to survive. We can help pollinators by increasing plant life, but we must remember to plant species native to our area because our pollinators rely on plant-pollinator relationships that have existed for generations. If you are visiting a Georgia Welcome Center, look around and you might find a pollinator habitat site that was planted to provide for our pollinators!

# GEORGIA'S POLLINATORS

*Did You Know?*

There are over 3,000 species of pollinators in Georgia. Some are native, some are introduced. Some are endangered, some are common. All are important to our ecosystem.

### What is a pollinator?

A pollinator is an animal that moves pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part of a flower. This process is called pollination. Pollinators are essential for the reproduction of many plants, including those that produce food for humans and animals.

### What does a pollinator need to survive?

A pollinator needs food, shelter, and a place to lay its eggs. Food comes from the nectar of flowers. Shelter comes from hollowed-out stems of plants or other natural structures. A place to lay eggs is often a hollowed-out stem or a similar structure.

### Pollinator Life Cycle

Most pollinators have a life cycle that includes four stages: Egg, Larva, Pupa, and Adult. The adult stage is the only stage in which the pollinator is able to fly and collect nectar. The other stages are spent in a protected, often hidden, place.

### How can we help pollinators?

There are many ways we can help pollinators. We can plant native plants that provide food and shelter. We can avoid using pesticides that harm pollinators. We can create pollinator-friendly spaces in our yards and communities.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) are working together to create pollinator-friendly spaces along highways and in rural areas.

For more information, visit [www.gdof.org](http://www.gdof.org) or [www.gacp.org](http://www.gacp.org).

USDA United States Department of Agriculture  
GDOT Georgia Department of Transportation  
XERCESSOCIETY Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

**iNaturalist**

Join the iNaturalist community to track and share observations of pollinators in your area. Scan the QR code to get started.





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